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From the Editor's Desk

Because of unique events last September, the past year has been a special time for reflection about our country and our ancestors who helped build and defend it. Anniversaries, like memorial stones, remind us of what we owe to those sturdy souls who preceded us: Georgia now celebrates 270 years since the royal charter given to Oglethorpe; Muscogee County just passed the 175th marker since its creation in 1826 from the Creek Cession, and the city of Columbus looks forward to its own 175th anniversary in 2003.

This journal, younger even than the twenty-six year old Muscogee Genealogical Society, is happy to contribute to this process of memory and reflection. The experiences of one family, that of Richard Gray (1780-1851) and his children, examined in this issue, may provide some hints about the uses of genealogy in thinking about our common history. That history also includes the 1860 biracial membership of Bethel Baptist Church which the excellent work of Stephen P. Barber, now appearing in its final installment, so clearly shows. The refreshing voice of Gladys May should inspire us to imitate her work; and, we publish another part of the story of medicine in Muscogee County and continue our series of Riverdale Cemetery records. As always, your suggestions and contributions are welcomed. The editor wishes especially to thank Mary Vick Graves of Decatur, Georgia, and other members of the Gray family for their contributions.

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This issue is dedicated to the
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SOME GENEALOGY AND HISTORY OF THE GRAY FAMILY OF COLUMBUS,
1828-c1900

by

Hugh I. Rodgers

The Gray family of the middle and late decades of nineteenth century Columbus was a middle class family some of whose members enjoyed success in business and three of whom married into the Kirven, Estes, and Heard families. Richard Gray (b.1780, d. 1851) founded the family in Columbus. Of particular interest is his son and namesake, Richard Monroe Gray (1826-1909), who in 1867, while events were fresh in his mind, wrote a vivid memoir of his Civil War experiences. To put this memoir into its proper context it will be useful to look at the family's history. A study of two generations of this Columbus family may also provide some insights into the social and economic development of their city;¹ genealogy often furnishes a way to see events on the level of personal experience.

The Grays before 1830

Recent researchers on the Gray family history have encountered the same difficulties as earlier ones: in over 240 years from the founding of Jamestown, "no written record of the Gray family was maintained."² The earliest written records are some notes by two sons of Richard Gray dating in one case from 1861 and in the second from 1910.³ Several decades ago, Lucy P. Stone of Hollins College attempted a family history; her research, however, is unable to document the linkage between the Gray family she traces from 17th century Virginia to the Grays who later moved to Georgia. Currently existing research agrees that the Grays were in North

¹An excellent survey of these themes is provided by John S. Lupold, *Columbus, Georgia, 1828-1978* (Columbus: Columbus Productions, 1978).

²Donald D. Fowler, *A History: The Archers, an Old Virginia Family* (Alexandria, VA: privately printed, 1989), p. 73. Mr. Fowler has sent me a copy of his Chapter XI, The Gray Family, which references, Lucy P. Stone, "Short History of the Gray Family", Hollins College, Roanoke, VA, (undated). Miss Stone attempted to trace the family to a Thomas Gray who came to Jamestown in 1616, but was unable to document much of this lineage. More recent investigators are Mary Ann Graves of Decatur GA, Katherine White of Clatham, NJ, and Alan Anderson, "Gray Families," at web page: www.sumtercountyhistory.com/families/GrayFM.htm.

³Genealogical notes by William Cason Gray, typewritten by W. C. Gray, Jr. (4 pages, in the files of Elizabeth Archer Fowler), and James Thomas Gray, autobiographical notes, (Orange County, FL, 1910), (2 typewritten pages, files of Elizabeth Archer Fowler), as cited in Donald Fowler, *The Archers*, pp. 73, 74.

Carolina before the move to Georgia but is unable to point securely at a place of origin.

Both Lucy Stone and a family note look to Warren County, North Carolina, as the location of the family in the mid-eighteenth century, headed at that time by William Gray who had married Jane Townley. A search of the published Warren County records does reveal a William Gray with several children including a son named Richard. This William Gray died before 1793 and his son Richard was apprenticed in 1804 at the age of ten. Since the Richard Gray who came to Columbus was born in 1780, he would have been beyond the appropriate age for apprenticing by 1804.⁴ In addition, marriage records for Warren County contain a Richard Gray who married Delilah Langford 13 March 1802. It is possible this was a first marriage for the Georgia Richard Gray who has an 1811 marriage record in Elbert County, Georgia.⁵

Again, according to Lucy Stone and one of Richard Gray's sons, Richard's father William Gray and wife Jane Townley moved from Warren County to Buncomb County, North Carolina, where Richard Gray was born. But, once more, a search of published records including the two volumes of *The Heritage of Old Buncomb County, North Carolina*, does not reveal the presence of either father William or son Richard Gray among the very few Grays mentioned.⁶ Of course, it is entirely possible that research in the unpublished records of both Warren and Buncomb counties would provide the documentation to support the claims, so the question remains open.

Since earlier investigators establish that William Gray married Jane Townley ("the first

⁴David B. Gammon, comp., *Records of Estates, Warren County, North Carolina*, vol. I, *Estates Found in Court Records, 1780-1805*, p. 90; *Abstracts of Warren County, North Carolina, Will Book 12* p. 241; Ginger L. Christmas-Beattie, abstractor, *Warren County, North Carolina: Minutes to the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions*, vol. III, pp. 22, 71; see also *Warren County, North Carolina, Deed Book 3*, p. 443, showing a Thomas Gray as grantee in 1771. These sources are in the Washington Library, Macon, GA. Orange County, North Carolina, was a parent county of Warren; a search of Orange County published records in the Washington Library, Macon, revealed no Grays with Columbus, GA, names. In adjoining Granville county, a William Gray and wife Ann [NB: not Jane] were named in deeds dated 1762/63.

⁵Elbert County, Court of Ordinary, Mixed Records: Estates and Marriages 1809-1812 (Georgia Department of Archives and History, 93/5).

⁶(Ashville, NC: Old Buncomb County Genealogical Society, 1981, 1987). Buncomb County was not formed until 1791. One of its parents was Rutherford County; that county's deed index lists a William Gray in 1783 and 1797. More research might be done in this county.

among the Gray wives whose family name is known”⁷), is there a North Carolina location where both Gray and Townley families lived? The Columbus Richard Gray, in the 1850 census, recorded just a year before his death, gave his place of birth as “Hanover County, North Carolina”.⁸ New Hanover County deed records for 1735, 1736, 1740, do show a William Gray in that county.⁹ A militia record has a William Gray on a muster roll in New Hanover in 1747 and a William Townley was in New Hanover in 1767.¹⁰ A “Petition to Divide Bladen, Duplin, and New Hanover Counties” dated October 22, 1779, addressed to the General Assembly of North Carolina, contains the names William Gray and Philamon Townley.¹¹ A William Gray and a William Townley both served in the 1st North Carolina Regiment during the Revolutionary War.¹² Finally, the First Census, 1790, for North Carolina, yields the names William Gray for the Wilmington District, Duplin County, and William Townley for the Wilmington District of New Hanover County, indicating some proximity to each other.¹³ Thus the case for a New Hanover source for the later Columbus Richard Gray seems circumstantially strong. In this instance, a father’s recollection of his birthplace is contradicted by the son’s much later recall of family stories.

⁷Fowler, *The Archers*, p. 72.

⁸US Federal Census, 1850, Georgia, Muscogee County, p. 406 (microfilm, M432 R79).

⁹Alexander M. Walker, ed., *New Hanover County North Carolina Court Minutes 1738-1769* (Bethesda, MD, 1958), p. 15; also, Mae Blake Graves, *Land Grants of New Hanover County* (nd,np), p. 85.

¹⁰James L. Douthet, *New Hanover County, North Carolina, Militia Records* (Signal Mountain, TN, nd). Genealogist Dee Thompson of North Carolina, spotted the Townley name (d7777@worldnet.att.net, 5 Aug 2002).

¹¹Transcribed by Barbara Shore, <http://www.rootsweb.com/~ncduplin/petition.htm>. Brent Holcomb’s *Bladen County: Abstracts of Early Deeds* (Greenville, 1997), has a William Gray as late as 1793.

¹²Virgil White, ed., *Index to Revolutionary War Service Records, vol. IV* (Waynesboro, TN: National Historical Publishing Co., 1995).

¹³The same Census also has a William Gray in Warren County, possibly the one who died before 1793 and whose children were “bound out” between 1793-1805.

FIRST GENERATION

Richard Gray (b. 14 April 1780, NC, d. 16 March 1851, Columbus, GA)

m. **Margaret A. Bevers** (b. 1 Dec 1790, GA; d. 8 June 1864, Columbus, GA)¹⁴

Richard Gray came to Elbert County, Georgia, in 1806, probably accompanied by other family members. Several family researchers state he married Margaret ("Peggy") Bevers in Elbert County on 24 December 1811. The marriage record itself presents a problem: "William Gray and Peggy Bevers were married 24th December 1811 by James Highsmith, JCO. Eric Pope, CCC."¹⁵ "Peggy" is a common nickname for Margaret, but why did the clerk record "William" instead of "Richard"? Was his name really "William Richard", or did the Clerk confuse him with a relative named "William"? Elbert County records have numerous Grays and Bevers (also spelled "Beavers").

Margaret Bevers likely was the daughter of William Walter Beavers and Elizabeth Ragsdale who had a child named Margaret.¹⁶ Richard Gray and Margaret (Bevers) Gray joined the Beavers clan in a move to Morgan County around 1816. By the time of the 1820 Census, Richard Gray lived in the same militia district (Walker's) as did Margaret Gray's brother James Beavers.¹⁷ Richard Gray is on the Morgan County Tax Digest for 1826, in Capt. Hitchcock's district, with 101 1/2 acres of land¹⁸. "Richard Gray, sol., Hitchcock's militia district" of Morgan

¹⁴Birth and death dates from family records as cited in Fowler, *The Archers*, p. 74. One family tradition holds that "Bevers" was originally French Huguenot "BeVoir". Margaret Bevers Gray's tombstone in Linwood Cemetery shows a birthdate of 1 Dec 1796 and death year of 1863; the sexton's report gives date of death as 8 June 1864 at age 74. Mary Jane Galer, *Columbus, Georgia: Lists of People in the Town 1828-1852 and Sexton's Reports to 1866* (Athens, GA: Iberian Publishing Co., 2000), p. 243.

¹⁵Elbert County Court of Ordinary, ...Marriages 1809-1812 (GDAH 93/5).

¹⁶"William Walter Beavers and Family: Pioneers," in *Morgan County, Georgia, Heritage, 1807-1997* (Morgan County Heritage Book Committee, 1997), pp. 69-70. The Gray-Bevers marriage is noted in this article.

¹⁷*Morgan County Heritage*, p. 70; a letter remained in the Madison (Morgan County), Georgia, post office for Richard Gray on 1st July 1818 (*Georgia Journal*, 28 July 1818); Federal Census, 1820, Georgia, Morgan County, microfilm, (M33 R 10), p. 332. A Richard Gray drew in the 1820 Georgia Land Lottery as a resident of Bartlet's militia district, Jasper County. Richard may have registered for the lottery in Jasper County in 1819 (authorizing laws passed in 1818, 1819). According to the Linwood Cemetery tombstone of Richard's son, William C. Gray, he was born in 1818 in Jasper county. A Richard Gray is not in the Jasper County Deed index at the GDAH (36/19), but a William Gray (1808-09) and a Jno. Gray (1818) are named.

¹⁸GDAH, 42/62.

County drew lot #140 in section 3 of Coweta County in the Georgia Land Lottery of 1827.¹⁹

The notation in the Lottery Register, "sol.", brings up the question of Richard Gray's military service. One of Richard's sons, James Thomas Gray, recounted an elaborate story about his father's participation in the Battle of New Orleans in the War of 1812. A young black boy, serving as drummer for a New Orleans company, was so lively and entertaining, that Richard Gray bought him, "paying one hundred dollars for the boy, and brought him home with him." The slave boy, Martin, years later entertained the children in Columbus with war stories.²⁰ This charming recollection is convincing but a check of published indexes of troops and later pension applications did not find Richard's name, nor could he be found in the militia papers at the Georgia Department of Archives and History.²¹ His name may have inadvertently been omitted from a roster or not indexed through clerical error.

After disposing of his affairs in Morgan County and the property in Coweta County, Richard Gray moved his family to the new town of Columbus in 1828.²² He appears on the 1830 census as head of a household consisting of four boys, one girl, two adults (Richard and Margaret), and seven slaves.²³ Although in 1850, Richard Gray gave his occupation as farmer, he was really an urban dweller until very late in the 1840s. He was on Columbus city tax lists from 1832 through 1841; Margaret Gray is listed as owner of one half of town lot 137 (on Oglethorpe Street, between Baldwin and Few).²⁴ Richard's farm acreage lay just north of the city, at "Bald Hill" [later Beallwood?]; he was living there when he died in 1851. Well before then, the number of his slaves had dwindled to three: Martin (the ex-drummer boy), Patsy and Francis (he lost one

¹⁹The lots contained 202 1/2 acres. *Reprint of the Official Register of Land Lottery of Georgia 1827*, p. 122; also, Surveyor General's Records, GDAH. Veterans of the Revolutionary War, as well as wounded or disabled veterans of the War of 1812 or Indian wars *unable to work*, were allowed two draws in the 1827 lottery.

²⁰James Thomas Gray, Notes (1910), as cited in Fowler, *The Archers*, p. 73.

²¹Judy Kravotil, *Index to War of 1812 Service Records for Volunteer Soldiers from Georgia* (Atlanta, 1986); Virgil D. White, *Index to Volunteer Soldiers in Indian Wars and Disturbances 1815-1858* (Waynesboro, TN: National Historical Publishing Co., 1994); bound volumes of Georgia Militia Papers, GDAH.

²²The Grays helped organize a Baptist church in Columbus in February, 1829; see n.32 below.

²³Federal Census, 1830, Georgia, Muscogee County (microfilm M19 R19), p. 277 line 8.

²⁴Richard Gray owned one-half of lot 19. Galer, *Columbus: Lists*, pp. 9, 10.

slave in a legal action in 1846).²⁵ Clearly, he was not a major landowner nor involved in serious agricultural activity; for most of his residency in Columbus, he held city appointments.

As early as 1832, Richard Gray became city Sexton and the Commissioners reappointed him for 1833.²⁶ Then in May, 1838, the Commissioners expressed dissatisfaction with the current Bridge Keeper, dismissed him, and sought a replacement. The bridge spanning the Chattahoochee River was an important City property and produced considerable revenue from tolls. The Bridge Keeper was responsible for collecting the tolls, seeing after the bridge's repair and general upkeep. The Commissioners considered six men, including Richard Gray; it took two Commission meetings and four ballotings before Richard Gray won the election.²⁷ Gray retained this responsible position through 1842; he collected tolls, accepted deposits for multiple crossings, let contracts for crossings to businesses, and reported to the City Commission or City Treasurer. His salary was set in 1840 at \$600.²⁸ The hazards of the job were underscored on March 11, 1841, after several days of heavy rain produced a torrent which swept the bridge eight miles downstream.²⁹ In addition to his bridge keeping duties, the Commissioners appointed Richard Gray as Keeper of the Powder Magazine in July, 1841; again, collection of fees (he reported receipts of \$61 for 1841), rentals and record keeping were his responsibilities.³⁰ Gray's career as public official ended at the close of 1842; in January, 1843, the Commission elected a new Bridge Keeper, but at a greatly reduced salary.³¹ The sixty-three year old could retire to a less demanding life.

²⁵Galer, *Columbus: Lists*, p. 68; *Columbus Enquirer*, 10 Dec. 1845; Fowler, *The Archers*, p. 74. The Slave Schedule, 1850, Muscogee County, listed Richard Gray as owning just two slaves.

²⁶Columbus, Georgia. Board of Commissioners [City Council]. Record Book 1 (1832-1837), pp. 2, 14, 34, 37, 64.

²⁷Columbus Commission, Record Book 2, pp. 133-134. See also, John H. Martin, *Columbus, Geo., from Its Selection as a Trading Town in 1827 to its Partial Destruction by Wilson's Raid in 1865* (Columbus: Thos. Gilbert, 1874), part I, p. 76. Some examples of bridge tolls are in Galer, *Columbus: Lists*, pp. 160-172.

²⁸Columbus Commission, Record Book 2, pp. 190, 262, 335, 356, 360, 383, 447.

²⁹Martin, *History*, Pt. I, pp. 116-117; see the drawing in F. Clason Kyle, *Images: A Pictorial History of Columbus, Georgia* (Norfolk, VA: Donning Co., 1986), p. 35. It took bridge builder John Godwin only four months to get a new bridge in place.

³⁰Columbus Commission, Record Book 3, pp. 1, 2, 5, 10, 29-30; Galer, *Columbus: Lists*, p. 172..

³¹Columbus Commission, Record Book 3, p. 89.

One of the distinctive features of his life was support of the Baptist faith. He was baptized into that church in 1812 shortly after his marriage to Margaret Bevers. When the family moved to Columbus they sought out fellow believers. On February 14, 1829, Richard and Margaret Gray, their daughter Thirza Bevers Gray, and nine others met in a house on Broad Street to organize the "Ephesus Baptist Church of Christ in Columbus". Four years later the name became the "Baptist Church of Columbus" and eventually, the First Baptist Church of Columbus. The Gray's family Bible was used in the early services of this church. When the Baptists dedicated a new church building in 1860, Margaret Gray and Thirza B. Gray Kirven, were recognized at the ceremony as the only survivors of the original group of twelve who had organized the church.³²

Richard Gray signed his Last Will and Testament on 4 May 1848. It was a practical document providing for the sale of his property after his "beloved wife" had selected "such household furniture and bedding as she desired." The proceeds of the sale to be held in trust for her benefit. At her death, the will provided that the remaining principal be "divided equally among my children as follows: James H. Kirven & his heirs, Henson S. Estes & his heirs, the heirs of W. C. Gray, Francis M. Gray & his heirs, Richard M. Gray & his heirs, Elijah L. Gray & his heirs, James T. Gray and his heirs". [Kirven and Estes were sons-in-law.] He appointed son William C. Gray as executor. The will was admitted to probate on 26 May 1851.³³ In some reflections about his father ten years later, William C. Gray wrote: "His motto in life was to do his duty and to do it fully so far as his ability would admit. ...in his sphere of life, few men had a more controlling influence or turned it to a better account."³⁴

The words make a fitting epitaph but unfortunately no burial site has been identified. In the event, Margaret Gray survived her husband by thirteen years; she was buried in the Kirven lot

³²Etta Blanchard Worsley, *Columbus on the Chattahoochee* (Columbus, GA: Columbus Office Supply Company, 1951), pp. 144-145; *The Origin and Growth of the First Baptist Church, Columbus, Georgia, 130th Anniversary* (Columbus, GA, 1958), p. 6; Kyle, *Images*, p. 42.

³³Muscogee County, Court of Ordinary, Will Book A (1838-1862), pp. 118-119.

³⁴Notes (1861), as quoted in Fowler, *The Archers*, p. 74.

(lot 43) in Linwood Cemetery. Perhaps one of the unmarked adult graves in the same lot is that of Richard Gray.³⁵

Children:

Thirza Bevers Gray (b. 12 Dec 1812, d. 4 July 1892)
William Cason Gray (b. 18 Oct 1818, d. 6 Oct 1883)
Thomas Russell Gray (b. c1821, d. bef. 1830)
Martha Jane Gray (b. 31 Aug 1822, d. 29 Oct 1899)
Francis Marion Gray (b. c1824, d. 30 Jan 1865)
Richard Monroe Gray (17 Feb. 1826, d. 19 July 1909)
Elijah Lloyd Gray (b. c1828, d. [?])
James Thomas Gray (b. 25 Dec 1830, d. 1911, FL)

SECOND GENERATION

Thirza Bevers Gray (b. 12 Dec 1812, Elbert Co., GA, d. 4 July 1892, Columbus, GA)

- m. 1st James H. **Kirven** (b. 10 Apr 1804, d. 13 Mar 1855), on 20 June 1829.
- 2nd Abel **Smith** (b.? d.?) on 24 Dec 1860.³⁶
- 3rd [J. D. ?] **Estes** (b. ?, d. ?) in 1875.³⁷

Thirza B. Gray and her husband, James H. Kirven, became staunch pillars of the First Baptist Church, a tradition continued by their descendants for more than a hundred years. One who knew Thirza for fifty years wrote, "I know no woman who combined more the elements of true Christian womanhood than she."³⁸ Thirza and James H. Kirven (who had come to Columbus in 1828, and like the Grays, from North Carolina), at some point moved to Rome, Georgia, where James worked as a builder and carpenter.³⁹ James H. Kirven died in 1855. Thirza and the children moved back to Columbus where Thirza opened a boarding house. The older boys found employment in the clothing business (experience that led to the founding of J. A. Kirven Co. in 1876.)⁴⁰ Following James H. Kirven's death Thirza married again but had no

³⁵Dolores Autry, *Linwood Cemetery* (Columbus, GA, 1994), p. 237.

³⁶Martin, *History*, Pt. 2, p. 125; Muscogee Co., Marriage Bk. E, p. 49.

³⁷"Death of Mrs. T. B. Estes", *Enquirer-Sun*, Columbus, GA, 6 July 1892; Tombstone of Thirza B. Kirven Estes, Autry, *Linwood Cemetery*, p. 237; *Scholes' Directory of the City of Columbus, Georgia, August 1878* (Columbus, GA: Thos. Gilbert, 1878), shows Thirza B. Estes, widow, J.D. Estes, r. 101 N Jackson (p. 124). However, the *Directory...1880*, p. 123, lists Thirza B. Estes, widow, J. D. *Kirven*, r. at the same 101 N. Jackson address. Her obituary gives year of Estes marriage but not his first name.

³⁸Worsley, *Columbus on the Chattahoochee*, p. 144; *The Origin and Growth of the First Baptist Church*, p. 7.

³⁹Census, 1850, Georgia, Floyd Co., microfilm (M432, R 72), p. 106

⁴⁰Census, 1860, Georgia, Muscogee Co., microfilm (M653 R132), p. 175; Census, 1870, Georgia,

further children. Thirza B. Kirven Estes died suddenly while visiting her daughter Ella Kirven Cocke at Hollins College, Virginia.⁴¹ She was buried in the Kirven lot in Linwood Cemetery.

The surviving children of Thirza B. Gray and James H. Kirven:

Alexander C. Kirven (b. 1832, d. 1874)
 Margaret A. Kirven (m. J. Marion Estes in Rome, GA, 1851)
 William H. Kirven (b. c1837)
 Martha J. Kirven (m. F. W. Acee, 1858)
 J. Albert Kirven (m. Ella Jane Wall, 1873)
 Richard M. Kirven (m. 1. Nettie Moore, 2. Sophrona Parramore)
 Ella R. Kirven (m. Charles Henry Cocke of VA, 1875)

William Cason Gray (b. 18 Oct 1818, Jasper Co, GA, d. 6 Oct. 1883, Chunnenugee, near Union Springs, AL)

m. Caroline Heard (b. 5 Feb 1827, Harris Co., GA, d. 12 July 1900, Columbus) on 8 March 1847.

William Cason Gray, the eldest son of Richard Gray, was about ten when the family arrived in Columbus. After receiving some basic schooling he began clerking in a large general store, accumulated business experience and some savings; by the age of twenty he was in partnership with a Mr. Roberts in the mercantile business.⁴² William interrupted his business career to serve in Evan's company of Georgia Volunteers during the Indian war of 1836.⁴³ His activities expanded swiftly during the 1840s and 1850s as he became a trustee and then president (1854) of the "Muscogee [later, Columbus] Building and Loan Association" and formed a partnership with E. S. Greenwood: Greenwood and Gray Co.⁴⁴

Greenwood and Gray were commission merchants with offices on Randolph Street between Broad and Front streets. William C. Gray gave his occupation in 1850 as that of cotton

Muscogee Co., (M593,R167), pp. 582, 598

⁴¹*Enquirer-Sun* (Columbus, GA), 6 July 1892. Ella Kirven married (18 Feb 1875) Charles H. Cocke, son of the founder of Hollins College. Muscogee Co., Marriage Book G, p. 268. Her cousin, Frances Heard Gray also attended Hollins. In Virginia Frances and sister Mary Josephine met and married members of the Archer family. Fowler, *The Archers*, pp. 76-77.

⁴²Except where otherwise noted, the material on William C. Gray is based on Fowler, *The Archers*, pp. 74-78, and on the partly documented research of Alan Anderson, "Gray Families."

⁴³White, comp., *Index to Pension Applications for Indian Wars*, p. 320.

⁴⁴Martin, *History*, pt.2, p. 76; Muscogee Co. Index to Deeds, etc., 1838-1877, especially Books G through L; *Columbus City Directory 1859-1860*, in *Muscogiana*, 7 (Summer 1996), 19,20.

merchant and valued his real estate at \$18,000. In the 1860 Census, he gave his real estate value as \$11,000 and personal property as \$8,000. He owned four slaves in that year.⁴⁵ During the Civil War, Greenwood and Gray set up a rope works that employed "an army of men, women and children"; they also financed metal working shops for the fabrication of sabers and "Mississippi rifles" while continuing to operate a cotton warehouse.⁴⁶ An incendiary set fire to the warehouse in 1864 and destroyed 7,000 bales of cotton (a year before the Yankees could do it.)⁴⁷ Toward the close of the War, in his mid-forties, William C. Gray served as captain of Co. C, "Jacques Battalion", Georgia Reserves.

The war produced enormous capital losses but in 1866 William resumed his warehouse and commission business and once more enjoyed commercial success. Between 1868-1872, he sent a daughter to Hollins College in Virginia and the family visited "the socially desirable spas in the area of Lexington, Virginia". On one such spa visit they saw General Robert E. Lee also taking the waters.⁴⁸ Unfortunately for the family, much of this wealth evaporated following another disastrous warehouse fire in 1871 and other business failures. According to family notes, "every piece of property owned by our father and what mother owned was given up to the creditors of the firm."⁴⁹ This lament was a bit exaggerated as William Gray continued to own property in Columbus and in Bullock County, Alabama.

William and his wife Caroline opened a boarding house at 122 Broad Street; Caroline Heard Gray expanded it into the Planters Hotel by 1880.⁵⁰ But health problems compounded William's financial difficulties. About 1872 his eyesight began to fail; according to his son, he spent his last years in "total darkness."

⁴⁵Census of 1850, Muscogee County, (microfilm, M432, R 79)p. 310; 1860 (M653 R 132), p.58

⁴⁶Nancy Telfair, *A History of Columbus, Georgia 1828-1928* (Columbus: Historical Publishing Co., 1929), p. 119; Diffie William Standard, *Columbus, Georgia, in the Confederacy* (New York: William Frederick Press, 1954), pp. 31, 40. An 1867 estate settlement, of which William C. Gray was administrator, refers to the "late firm of Greenwood & Gray," Muscogee County, Court of Ordinary, Minutes Book C, (1864-1871), p. 217.

⁴⁷Martin, *History*, Pt.2, p.153; Kyle, *Images*, p. 49; the Sol Loeb firm later occupied the site.

⁴⁸Fowler, *The Archers*, p. 77, n.3. In 1870 he estimated his real estate value at \$20,000.

⁴⁹Fowler, *The Archers*, p. 75.

⁵⁰*Sholes' Directory ... 1878*, p. 135; *Sholes' Directory...1880*, p.134. Also, Census, 1880, Georgia, Muscogee, Columbus. National Archives Film T9-0159, page 665B.

Before this sad circumstance, William C. Gray participated fully in the civic and social life of Columbus. Reference has already been made to his military service. He was a Mason and member of the Oglethorpe Lodge. In 1852, 1857 and 1858 the 1st Ward elected him City Alderman. He also served in the volunteer fire company. According to a newspaper account from 1868, the winning team in volunteer fire company competition received a silver pitcher and goblets donated by "that public spirited and generous citizen, W. C. Gray. During the war he had been elected captain of the firemen who made a military tour through the country."⁵¹

William Gray had married Caroline Heard in 1847; she was a daughter of wealthy planter William M. Heard and Elizabeth Hopkins Heard of Harris County, Georgia.⁵² This couple had ten children of whom one died in infancy. William Gray died at Chunennuggee, Bullock County, Alabama, in October, 1883, while visiting his brother Richard M. Gray. He was buried in Lot 81 of Linwood Cemetery. His wife, Caroline Heard Gray survived him by seventeen years; she died at the home of a daughter in Munroe, NC. Her obituary referred to her late husband as "a leading and influential citizen" and she was reported to possess "one of the most beautiful and lovable of characters"; she was buried beside her husband.⁵³ The known children of this couple are:⁵⁴

Lloyd Davidon Gray (b. c1848, d [?])
 William Cason Gray, Jr. (b. 20 July 1849,
 d. 6 Jan 1922, Americus)
 m. Amorett Dawson. in 1870
 Richard H. Gray (b. 22 Feb 1851, d [?])
 m. Iula Ashurst
 Frances Heard Gray (b. 19 Jan 1853, d. 21 Nov 1939 in NC)
 m. Joseph Archer (of VA) in 1874
 Caroline Beulah Gray (b. 19 Dec 1854, d. [?])
 m. Addison Fraser (Lee Co., AL)
 Sidney Smith Gray (b. 7 Mar 1858, d. [?])⁵⁵

⁵¹Martin, *History*, Pt. 2, pp. 55-56, 93, 102; *Columbus Daily Sun*, 12 May 1868.

⁵²Census, 1850, Georgia, Harris Co, microfilm (M432 R73), p. 54.

⁵³"Mrs. Caroline Gray Dead," *Enquirer-Sun* (Columbus), 14 July 1900 [Archives, Columbus State University]; Autry, *Linwood Cemetery*, p. 198.

⁵⁴Information from Fowler, *The Archers*, and Anderson, "Gray Families"; the two sources occasionally conflict; the obituary gives the married names of the daughters. See also Census 1870, GA Muscogee Co. microfilm (M593 R167), p. 568.

⁵⁵Her name in Muscogee Co., Marriage Book G (1872-1878), p. 534, might be read as "Siddie", "Liddie" or even "Libbie".

m. James C. Moore (Auburn, AL), 1877
Rueben Allison Gray (b. & d. 1859)
Mary Josephine Gray (b. 16 Apr 1860, d. [?])
m. William Archer (of VA) 1882
Margaret Elizabeth Gray (b. 1863, d. 1867)
Charles Grimes Gray (b. 1 Nov 1866, d. [?])
m. Fannie Alexander, 1885

Martha Jane Gray (b. 31 Aug 1822, Morgan Co., GA., d. 29 Oct 1899, Columbus)⁵⁶

m. Henson Scott Estes (b. 2 June 1811, SC, d. 20 Dec 1888 Columbus)
on 18 Feb 1841

Martha Jane Gray's husband, Henson Scott Estes, had several property dealings with the Gray family. In 1845 he sold a slave girl to William C. Gray "for the benefit of Margaret Gray during her lifetime" and in 1848 he purchased a part of lot #19 on Dillingham Street from Richard Gray.⁵⁷ Among other interests, Henson and his brother had a hardware business at 113 Broad Street. Martha Jane and Henson Estes lived in Wynnton in a handsome house set in several acres facing Buena Vista Road. Built in 1834, the mansion featured classic Corinthian columns and other decorative elements. The couple lived there until 1862 when Estes sold the estate to Lloyd G. Bowers.⁵⁸ The Estes couple then resided on Broad Street. They were active in the First Baptist Church where Henson was a deacon for over thirty years. Henson Scott Estes died in 1888. Martha Jane died in 1899 at the home of her daughter Thyrza Estes Wilkerson in Talbotton. Her obituary headlined: "An Aged and Highly Respected Columbus Lady Passes Away" and referred to her as "one of the oldest members of the First Baptist Church." She was buried in the Estes lot in Linwood Cemetery.⁵⁹ Among their children were:

Dr. Charles Edward Estes
Richard H. Estes
Thyrza A. Estes m. A. R. Wilkerson of

⁵⁶ Autry, *Linwood Cemetery*, p. 13; Letter, Katherine White (Clatham, NJ), May 28, 2002; Martin, *History* Pt. 1, p. 122.

⁵⁷ Muscogee County, Deeds, Book C, pp. 381-382; Book D, p. 138.

⁵⁸ *Columbus City Directory 1859-1860*, in *Muscogiana*, 7 (Summer 1996), 16; Worsley, *Columbus on the Chattahoochee*, p. 227; Bowers add octogaonal wings in 1868. See also Mollie Mealing, *Century Old Houses of Columbus, GA and Vicinity* (Columbus, nd), p. 9.

⁵⁹ Autry, *Linwood Cemetery*, pp. 13, 14; but see the names of children in this Estes family in Census, 1860, Georgia, Muscogee Co. (microfilm, M653, R132), p. 306. Martha Jane's obituary appeared in the *Enquirer-Sun*, Columbus, 31 Oct 1899.

Talbotton (1867)⁶⁰

George H. Estes

Joel D. Estes

Charlotte (Lottie) Estes m. W. W. Bussey (1874)

Martha Jane Estes m. Benjamin T. Hatcher (1870)

William Gray Estes (d. 1921)

Marion Scott Estes (d. 1880)

Albert A. Estes (d. 1870)

Francis Marion Gray (b. c1825 , d. 30 Jan 1865, Camp Douglas, IL)

m. Mentoria Elizabeth Mead (b.17 Dec 1827, d. 13 Jul 1909) on 28 Oct 1846⁶¹

The fifth of Richard Gray's and Margaret Bevers Gray's children, Francis Marion Gray, after basic schooling, became a bookkeeper in the 1850s at the Sun Office in downtown Columbus. He and his family lived on Forsyth Street at the McIntosh corner. In 1850, two children were in the family.⁶² Francis M. Gray, along with two brothers, joined Co. H, 3rd Battalion, Georgia Volunteer Infantry on May 12, 1862. A year later the brothers were absorbed into Co. K, 37th Georgia Infantry Regiment, Army of Tennessee. Francis Marion Gray was captured at Nashville on 16 December 1864 and sent to prison at Camp Douglas, Illinois. There he contracted typhoid fever and died 31 January 1865; he was buried in the Confederate Cemetery.⁶³ His wife, Mentoria Elizabeth Gray, survived him by many years. Columbus city directories reveal that she became the proprietor of the Central Hotel at 140 Broad Street during the 1870s; during the 1880s she boarded at the Perry House and the Rankin House; by 1891 she lived at a dwelling on 2nd Avenue. She applied for and received a widow's pension based on Francis Marion Gray's Confederate service.⁶⁴ Known surviving children:

Alice Mead Gray (1847-1931) m. James T. Daniel

Marion Edgar Gray (1849-1909) m. Alice Tyler

⁶⁰Muscogee Co., Marriage Book E (1860-1868), p. 522; Mrs. Jack Morgan, et al, Cemetery Markers of Talbot County, Georgia (typescript, n.d., Bradley Library). A. R. Wilkerson's name in the marriage record is written "Wyatt R. Wilkerson". Both A. R. and Thyrsa are buried in Oak Hill Cemetery, Talbotton, GA.

⁶¹Martin, *History*, Pt 2, p. 16; Autry, *Linwood Cemetery*, p. 395.

⁶²*Columbus City Directory, 1859-1860*, in *Muscogiana*, 7 (Summer 1996), 19; Census, 1850, Georgia, Muscogee Co. microfilm (M432 R79), p. 297; a daughter, Ida E. Gray, died in 1857. See Buster W. Wright, comp., *Burials and Deaths Reported in the Columbus (Georgia) Enquirer, 1832-1872*, (Columbus, 1984), p. 179

⁶³*Roster of the Confederate Soldiers of Georgia 1861-1865*, vol. IV, p. 110.

⁶⁴*Columbus City Directory...for 1873, ...1878, ...1880, ...1891*; Confederate Pension Applications from Muscogee County, GDAH, 275/32; White, *Index to Georgia Civil War Confederate Pension Files*, p. 396; Autry, *Linwood Cemetery*, pp. 42, 395 for children.

[**Ed. note:** Treatment of the next member, in birth order, of this generation, Richard Monroe Gray, is deferred to the end of this article.]

Elijah Lloyd Gray (b. c1828, in Columbus, d. [?] in Texas)⁶⁵

m. 1st Eliza [Gray?], 11 Aug 1844

2nd Fragetta Nalley 31 Dec 1861, Waco, TX

James Thomas Gray (b. 25 Dec 1830, Columbus, d. 1911, Oakland, FL)

m. Elvirah E. **King** (b. Jun 1834, d. Sep 1911, Oakland, FL) on 7 Oct 1869.

According to his own account, James T. Gray was born in a log cabin in frontier Columbus, well before the new village "began to take on the airs and importance of a Town." He became a bookkeeper at an office on Broad Street. He also, with two brothers, enlisted in the Confederate service, first Co. H, 3rd Battalion, Georgia Volunteer Infantry, then Co. K, 37th Regiment, Georgia Infantry. He rose in rank from Corporal to Sergeant Major. He was paroled at Meridian, Mississippi, on 10 May 1865. His efforts as a farmer met with indifferent success; by 1880, James was occupied as a "scalesman" in Atlanta.⁶⁶ He left some autobiographical notes written in 1910 at Oakland, Orange County, Florida.⁶⁷



Richard Monroe Gray (b.17 Feb 1826, Morgan Co. GA,
d. 19 July 1909, Clarkesville, GA), m. Mary Jane W. **Hayes**
(b. 10 Apr 1829, d. 18 Aug 1910, Clarkesville, GA), on
21 December 1848.⁶⁸

Richard Monroe Gray was the sixth surviving child of Richard Gray and Margaret Bevers Gray. He received a sound basic education, which, as his later memoir evidences, gave him some

⁶⁵The information on this member of the family is incomplete and contradictory. Fowler, *The Archers*, chart between pp. 73,74; Katherine White, Letter, 28 May 2002; Anderson, "Gray families"; nothing to be gleaned from public records available to the writer in Columbus.

⁶⁶Census, 1870, Georgia, Muscogee Co., (M593 R167), p. 725; Muscogee County, Deed Book P(1872-1874), p. 263; Census, 1880, Georgia, Atlanta, Fulton County (FHL Film, National Archives Film T9-0148), p. 497A; a daughter Maggie (8) is listed.

⁶⁷*Columbus City Directory 1859-1860*, in *Muscogiana*, 7 (Summer 1996), 19; *Roster of the Confederate Soldiers of Georgia*, vol. IV, pp. 107-108; Fowler, *The Archers*, p.71; Oakland, in *Cemeteries of Orange County, Florida* (Orlando:Central Florida Genealogical Society, 1997).

⁶⁸Martin, *History*, Pt. 1, p. 33; tombstone record of Mary Jane Gray, in *Cemeteries: Habersham and White Counties* (Roswell, GA: Wolfe Associates, 1986), p.25, differs from dates used above from the Gray family Bible (published 1849) owned by Hugh McKinnon of Pensacola, FL.

acquaintance with history and literature. He wanted to be a farmer. The *Columbus Enquirer* of 4 July 1848 carried a small notice in which Richard M. Gray advertised, "For sale, a well improved and conveniently arranged lot ...in the northeastern part of the city. Negroes, or a small farm within three miles of the city, will be taken in exchange." But the 1859 city directory listed him as living on Forsyth Street at the corner of Baldwin.⁶⁹ In 1850 he owned two slaves but by 1860 only one.⁷⁰ Between 1850 and 1870, he tried several occupations: farming, small scale merchant, brick maker, lumber dealer and warehouseman, all in Columbus; his best success in business seems to have come just before 1860 and again just before 1870. By 1880, in his fifties, he had become plantation manager and school teacher, at Chunenuggee near Union Springs in rural Bullock County, Alabama.⁷¹

As noted above, in 1848 Richard M. Gray had married Mary Jane W. Hayes; she was a daughter of Robert Hayes (b. 18 Dec 1798, VA, d. Jun 1867 Columbus) and Susan Beckham (b. 1800, d. 1832).⁷² Robert Hayes owned brick making kilns and Richard Gray joined his father-in-law in the business.⁷³ He also made profitable property deals: in 1850 he bought town lot 514 for \$600 and sold it in 1851 for \$1,000.⁷⁴ The family lived on Forsyth Street in Columbus until the move to Bullock County, Alabama. A son, Robert H., and a daughter, Myra V., both died in February, 1864, while their father was away at the war.⁷⁵

Prior to the coming of the War between the States, Richard M. Gray had limited military experience in the Georgia militia. He must have been a popular and able leader as he held the

⁶⁹*Columbus City Directory 1859-1860*, in *Muscogiana*, 7 (Summer 1996), p.19.

⁷⁰Georgia, Muscogee Co., 1850, 1860, Slave Schedules.

⁷¹As reported in the censuses of 1850, 1860, 1870, and 1880, microfilm editions, Bradley Library, Columbus, GA. Richard M. Gray does not appear in the Columbus city directories after 1873.

⁷²Susan Beckham was the daughter of Capt. Samuel Beckham and Elizabeth Houghton ; *DAR Lineage Book*, vol. 79 (Washington, 1925), p. 185 (Lily Gray Beall, #78505).

⁷³Census 1850, Georgia, Muscogee Co., microfilm (M432 R790), p. 423; Muscogee County, Deed Book N (1867-1869), pp. 601-602; Census 1860, (M643 R132), p. 287.

⁷⁴Muscogee Co., Deed Book E, p. 299; Deed Book F, p. 95.

⁷⁵Wright, *Burials and Deaths*, p.180. The Census 1860, Georgia, Muscogee Co., microfilm (M653 R132), p. 287, lists William Gray, not Robert, age 7, in the Richard Gray household; a family researcher, Mary Ann Graves of Decatur, GA, also uses the name William Gray (1853-1864); it is probable that William's death before 1870 was not recorded.

rank of captain at one time.⁷⁶ Richard M. Gray enthusiastically supported the Southern war effort. In the spring of 1862 he joined the Muscogee County "Lulu Guards" under Captain William H. Phelps of Columbus who had named the unit after his wife Lucy Lulu Phelps.⁷⁷ This company was designated Co. H. of the 3rd Infantry Battalion, Georgia Volunteer Infantry. As part of the Army of Tennessee, the 3rd Battalion campaigned from Tennessee into Kentucky and back to Tennessee. In 1863, Co. H, 3rd Battalion, became Co. K. of the 37th Georgia Infantry Regiment, and participated in the great battles around Chattanooga and down to Atlanta. It was near Atlanta in July 1864 that 1st Sergeant Richard M. Gray was captured and sent to Camp Chase, Ohio. He was paroled in March 1865 and sent to City Point, Virginia, for release.⁷⁸ He had undergone in three years events hellish and comic that would inform his war reminiscences.

Richard emerged from his war experiences, so outraged and bitter at what he saw as northern destruction of the original Constitution, he despaired of the republican form of government and advocated a return to an aristocratic system. He ended his 1867 Reminiscences with the cry, "Vive le Monarque!"⁷⁹ His resentment of the Union fueled his support for the arrested Columbus citizens in the famous Ashburn Case; along with his brother William, and scores of others, he signed the petition and bond of 10 April 1868 demanding their release from Federal detention.⁸⁰

During the period of Reconstruction, Richard M. Gray began to pick up the threads of his family and business life. His father-in-law, Robert Hayes, died intestate. In 1867 Richard and wife Mary Jane along with her brother, J. A. Hayes, and sister, Cornelia Moore, examined the

⁷⁶Index 'B', Military Records...from Georgia Military Records Book of December 2-1841 - June 21-1862, compiled by Mrs. J.E. Hayes (Atlanta: GDAH, 1939), p. 234.

⁷⁷Joseph H. Crute, Jr., *Units of the Confederate States Army* (Midlothian, VA: Derwent Books, 1987), pp. 92, 106; *Roster of the Confederate Soldiers of Georgia 1861-1865*, vol. IV, pp. 12, 106-116. Phelps, born 10 Feb 1839 in Columbus, had married Lucy Lulu Briggs; he survived the war; died in Atlanta 18 May 1924 and was buried in Linwood Cemetery, Columbus.

⁷⁸*Roster of the Confederate Soldiers of Georgia*, vol. IV, pp. 107, 108, 110.

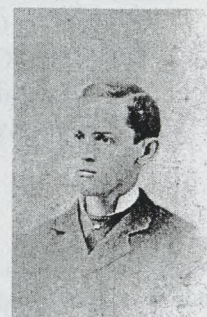
⁷⁹Manuscript, Item #2445: R.M. Gray Reminiscences, in Southern Historical Collection, Wilson Library, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, (also, typescript copy, Mary Ann Graves, Decatur, Georgia.) Descendants of Richard M. Gray donated his manuscript to the Southern Collection.

⁸⁰Kenneth H. Thomas, Jr., "The Ashburn Case: The Bond for the Columbus Prisoners", *Muscogiana*, 11, Nos. 3 & 4 (Fall 2000), 13-19; other Gray family connections who also signed were J. A. Kirvin, R. H. Estes and Chas. E. Estes.

assets and came to an agreement as to division. Hayes held property in Bullock County, Alabama, Columbus city lot #241, a kiln of bricks, mules, a buggy, and a 2-horse wagon, \$524 in gold plus greenback money, notes due as well as a judgment against the Bank of Charleston for \$2,143.50 and a claim against R. U. Powell of Union Springs, Alabama, for 1100 pounds of cotton. Mary Jane and Richard Gray received the kiln of brick, mules, buggy, wagon, and cotton.⁸¹

Richard formed a partnership with Thomas J. Dudley (a sawmill operator at Hatchachubee, Alabama) in the lumber business, but in 1872 he dissolved the partnership and joined his brother-in-law, J. A. Hayes, near Union Springs, Alabama. Mary Jane Gray undertook to make the settlement with Thomas J. Dudley "of the late firm of Dudley and Gray"; she bargained sharply. The Gray's emerged with \$1500, a horse and wagon, while Dudley was to assume payment of a mortgage of \$2,000 and other claims.⁸² Richard had also acquired a property known as the "Old Thomas Worthy Plantation" in the ninth land district of Muscogee County, containing 1520 acres. This property Richard and Mary Jane Gray sold to their relative Joel Estes for \$1250 (about 82 cents an acre) in 1875.⁸³ Finally, Richard sold land lot 244 in Muscogee County (202 acres) for \$100 in 1879.⁸⁴ The decline in the value of farm property was considerable.

In the 1870s and 1880s, Richard Gray realized his early hope of being a countryman. He looked after his brother's farm holdings near Union Springs, Alabama, and taught in a rural school.⁸⁵ His son, Paul, clerked in a country store. Good rail connections with Columbus facilitated



Paul Gordon Gray

⁸¹Muscogee County, Deed Book N (1867-1869), p. 58. This document is barely legible.

⁸²Muscogee County, Deed Book P (1872-1874), pp.203-204; for Thomas Dudley, see Census 1870, Alabama, Russell Co., (microfilm M593 R38), p. 96.

⁸³Muscogee County, Deed Book Q (1874-1876), pp. 601-602.

⁸⁴Muscogee County, Deed Book T (1879-1880), p 258..

⁸⁵Census 1880, Alabama, Bullock Co., Enumeration Dist. 25, p. 19 (NA Film T9-0003); William Gray's and J. A. Hayes' property transactions in the Direct and Reverse Deed Indexes, Probate Office, Bullock County, Union Springs, AL.

the transportation of cotton and timber from Bullock County and the purchase of supplies for the farm and its workers. In a surviving page of an account record, for July 1874 the firm of J. Marion Estes sent the plantation 100 lbs. of bacon for \$10.00 and a plough for \$6.50. Charges to farm workers included "shoes for Hannah--\$2.00" and "3 plugs tobacco--.65 ct." for Jordan Hayes, an ex-slave of Robert Hayes who remained with the family.⁸⁶ The farm was located on the Chunnenugee Ridge of Bullock County, once the locus of a thriving and culturally active community.⁸⁷

Between 1880 and 1890 the children of Richard and Mary Jane Gray married and moved away. By the time of the 1900 Census, Richard and his wife lived in Gainesville, Georgia, with their married daughter Lily and her husband, Egbert Beall.⁸⁸ Along with the stresses of old age the couple suffered the added pain of the death of their only surviving son, Paul Gordon Gray, in 1905. They moved again the short distance to Clarkesville, Georgia. There Richard M. Gray died in 1909; his wife, Mary Jane Hayes Gray died the next year. They were both buried in the Clarkesville Cemetery, far from their Columbus origins.⁸⁹ They had not lived in Columbus since the early 1870s although their family and business connections had persisted for another decade.

Their children:

Myra V. Gray (b. 1852, d. 1864):

William Gray (b. c1853, d. bef. 1870)

Paul Gordon Gray (b. 29 Sep 1855, d. 25 Jan 1905, FL) m. Mary F. Dansby⁹⁰

Robert Hayes Gray (b. 1860, d. 1864)

⁸⁶The accounts page survived in the back of the *Reminiscences* journal. J. Marion Estes was a Gray family connection: the brother of Henson S. Estes and the husband of Margaret Kirven.

⁸⁷*Collections and Recollections of Bullock County History* (Union Springs, AL: Bullock County Historical Society, 1977), pp. 82, 112-116.

⁸⁸Census, 1900, Georgia, Hall County, Gainesville, Enumeration Dist. 71, Sheet No. 7, 5 June 1900 (microfilm, T623 R202) ; daughter Lily, born in 1869, was much younger than her husband.

⁸⁹Richard's tombstone bears no dates, simply his name and "SGT CO H 3 GA CSA", in *Habersham and White Counties Cemeteries*, p. 25; no record of a Confederate pension application could be located for Richard M. Gray.

⁹⁰Mary Frances Dansby (b. 1860 d 1949, FL) was a daughter of Jacob Valentine Dansby and Mary Frances Meriwether. Paul G. Gray and Mary F. Dansby married in Pensacola, FL, 16 Nov 1882. Their children were: Richard Monroe Gray (b1888), Paul Dansby Gray (b1891), Mary Lucile Gray (b 1894), Marion Houghton Gray (b 1896), Martha Meriwether Gray (b 1899).

Rebecca Moore Gray (b.29 Dec 1866, d. [?]) m. Wallace D.

McKinnon, 2 July 1880.⁹¹

Lily Gray (b.5 Sept 1869 d.10 Oct 1948) m. Egbert Beall, 26 Nov 1891⁹²

The Gray family of Columbus was closely woven into the fabric of the social, religious, and business life of the city from 1828 until the nearly the end of the century. The family's experiences, mostly urban partly rural, mirrored the economic and social conditions of Columbus as it developed from frontier town to center of commerce and manufacturing. Although investing from time to time in rural property, the Gray men usually sought city occupations and owned few slaves. Nevertheless, the Civil War was costly to the Grays, taking the life of one family member and bringing hardships and losses to the rest.

From modest beginnings in the 1830s the Gray family achieved some civic prominence and prosperity until business and financial reverses of the 1870s took them out of public view. Still, in social and church life, and as pensioners, hotelkeepers and managers of rural property, Grays continued to be part of the Columbus scene. The deaths of William Cason Gray (1883), of Thirza B. Gray Kirven Estes (1892), of Martha Jane Gray Estes (1899) and of Caroline Heard Gray (1900) mark the slow withdrawal of the Grays from general community awareness. Their descendants in both male and female lines, of course, continue the family's heritage in Columbus and elsewhere, while the heretofore unpublished Civil War reminiscences of Richard Monroe Gray provide a valuable written legacy of the Gray family of Columbus. [Ed. Note: The Reminiscences will be published in future issues of this journal.]

⁹¹ In Pensacola, FL. M. V. Graves, Letter, 14 Sept 2002

⁹² Married at Geneva, AL. Egbert Beall, born 23 Oct 1845, joined the "Jones Volunteers" in Aug 1863. His unit became Co. B, 12th Regiment, Georgia Volunteer Infantry, Army of Northern Virginia. He was wounded and captured at Charlestown, West Virginia, in 1864 and sent to Camp Elmira, NY, released in 1865. After the War he became a "commercial traveler." He and Lily Gray Beall had a son and two daughters (Census 1900). He died at Jefferson, GA, 14 June 1924; he and his wife, Lilly Gray (b. 5 Sept 1869-d. 10 Oct 1948), are buried in Woodbine Cemetery in Jefferson. *Roster of the Confederate Soldiers of Georgia*, Vo. II pp. 172-173; "Lieut. J. A. Walker's Record of Co. B, 12th Georgia Regiment", in Carolyn W. Williams, *History of Jones County, Georgia* (Macon, GA: J. W. Burke, 1957), pp. 120-130; White, *Index to Georgia Confederate Pension Files*, p. 78; Karen Ann Thompson Ledford, *These Men Wore Gray. Jackson County, Georgia* (Toccoa, GA: Walbrook Printers, 2000), vol. VII, p. 209.



Children of Paul Gordon Gray and Mary Frances Dansby Gray (Grandchildren of Richard Monroe Gray), *back row, L to R*: Richard Monroe Gray (III), Paul Dansby Gray; *front row, L to R*: Martha Meriwether Gray, *seated*; Mary Lucile Gray, Marion Houghton Gray.

MEDICINE IN MUSCOGEE COUNTY: PART II

by

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An important phase of medicine undertaken during the 1930s was the reorganization of the Public Health Department. Dr. J. A. Thrash had served as City Health Officer from 1921-1929; in 1934 he was asked to return as health officer. Then at the end of 1939 the city and county health departments combined under one director to become the Muscogee County Department of Public Health. This organization became a legal, governmental, tax-supported agency governed by a board of seven members elected jointly by the city and county commissioners. Dr. Thrash became Commissioner of Health with eight employees.

Under Dr. Thrash's able guidance the organization grew and offered a superior program of services. The Public Health Nurses Association (founded in 1917) joined the Health Department in 1942. Eventually the Department included ten divisions: administrative, health education, sanitation, public health nursing, tuberculosis, laboratory, maternal and child health, dental, mental health, venereal disease control. Dr. Thrash remained Health Commissioner until his death on May 21, 1962.¹

Medical technology came to Columbus in 1940 with Dr. Douglas Venable, the first board qualified pathologist. His first student in medical technology was Miss Martha Gordy (later a physician herself) and in 1941, Miss Margaret Dimon became his second student.² Being the first pathologist, Dr. Venable received many unusual and often amusing requests. One doctor from a nearby community sent him a window pane smeared with blood and asked Dr. Venable to decide if his patient had typhoid, tuberculosis or syphilis. Dr. Venable also remembered when milk was inspected by holding it to the light.³

¹"Personality of the Month: James A. Thrash, M.D.," *Bulletin of the Muscogee County Medical Society*, III (January, 1956), 13-16.

²Miss Margaret Dimon, Interview, January 13, 1971.

³James H. Venable, M.D., Interview, March 1971.

When World War II ended local doctors returned home joined by new physicians. A new era began in Muscogee County medicine. The Muscogee Medical Society recovered from the doldrums of the depression and war years; it could boast of 43 active members in 1945 and in 1952 took the progressive step of admitting African American physicians. The post-war Society raised its dues to \$25 a year and approved the Blue Cross Hospital Plan. But older problems in local health continued to demand attention.

In 1946 the Society offered its cooperation to the Department of Public Health in a mass tuberculosis and venereal disease case finding program. Also, a committee studied the formation of a cancer prevention clinic; this led to the formation of a cancer service at City Hospital in 1947 and the opening of the Cancer Detection Center in 1949.

The Columbus City Hospital, built in 1915, faced problems in the war time and post-war environments. Additional beds had been added but it was clear that enlargement of service areas was required.⁴ In 1947 the City Commission and Hospital Board made a thorough inspection of the hospital and found management difficulties. These authorities appointed Dr. James A. Thrash Executive Director of City Hospital in 1948. He moved to purchase needed equipment and to establish a medical library. A combination of practicality and visionary idealism characterized his administration. He guided a building program and the development of a modern intern and resident training and educational program.⁵

The American Medical Association approved the hospital for intern training in October 1950. The first group of 10 interns from the Medical College of Georgia began the training program in July, 1951. (This internship-residency teaching program continued until the late 1960s when it became affiliated with Emory University.) Other educational programs at City Hospital were launched soon after. The first class of students in the School of Radiologic Technology entered in the summer of 1952. Of great importance in the improvement of medical

⁴J. W. Mitchell, "Ministering to Needs of Area Since 1841," *Southern Hospitals*, XXXI (January, 1963), 27.

⁵S. A. Roddenbury, M.D., "History of Columbus City Hospital," *Bulletin of the Muscogee County Medical Society*, II (November, 1955), 40.

services came with the organization of the Columbus City Hospital School of Nursing in 1951. It offered a course of instruction to young women desiring to become registered nurses.⁶ The Nursing School operated continuously until 1969 at which time it became a part of the Columbus College Department of Nursing.

As the service area of Muscogee County medicine expanded, Columbus became more of a regional center for medical care. By 1956 the medical staff numbered over 100 members. Fifteen to twenty percent of all admissions were from areas as far as 150 miles from Columbus. In view of these developments, the Hospital Board recommended, and the city government agreed, that a new name was needed: the city hospital now became the Medical Center. The Medical Center completed its building expansion in 1957. It retained the original (1915) shape of a cross as its core. The final or north wing, together with new operating rooms, emergency rooms, out-patient department, x-ray, central supply, social service department, record room, business office were all completed in 1957.⁷

It was fitting that one of the physicians who had practiced in Columbus for many years should be honored at the completion of the expansion program. On February 16, 1957, a portrait of Dr. Mercer Blanchard was unveiled to hang in the lobby of the Medical Center. Dr. Blanchard began practice in Columbus in 1917 as the first pediatrician in the city. In 1945, he had organized the Pediatric Department at the Medical Center where he was Chief of Pediatric Services. He continued his practice into his eighties and was also the physician for the school system. Blanchard Elementary School in north Columbus was later named in his honor.

Even as the old city hospital was being expanded and transformed, the idea of an altogether new medical facility began to gather support: St. Francis Hospital. Bishop Gerald P. O'Hara of the Diocese of Savannah-Atlanta enthusiastically supported the idea and presented the plan to the Sisters of the Third Order of St. Francis in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. After many discussions and visits to Columbus by a number of the sisters, they decided to undertake the

⁶J. W. Mitchell, "Ministering to Needs of Area Since 1841," *Southern Hospitals*, XXXI (January, 1963), 26.

⁷*Ibid.*, 27-28.

project. Mr. J. W. Woodruff, Sr., and his family offered twenty-one acres of ground at the corner of Woodruff and Yarbrough Roads for the site. A group of citizens started a quiet campaign and raised \$500,000 which the Sisters matched. Building costs had risen by the time the plans were submitted so the hospital building committee asked for \$500,000 in Federal Funds. This sum was approved. They decided to plan for 150 beds so they raised another \$150,000 while the Sisters contributed another \$100,000. Ground was broken on August 5, 1948, and on February 7, 1949, the cornerstone was laid. The building was formally dedicated on March 13, 1950, and on April 17, 1950, the first patients were admitted.⁸

Sister M. Laurentine was in Columbus during the planning and building of the Hospital, and it has been said that she was the despair of contractors who frequently found her supervising their work down to the mixing of mortar and the laying of brick. A firm but kind leader, Sister Laurentine left a strong imprint as the hospital's first administrator. She retired in 1959 and was succeeded by another capable administrator, Sister Evelyn.⁹ The Order of St. Francis built a convent in 1955 for the Sisters and in September 1959 opened the Ave Maria School of Nursing. The school remained in operation until 1969 when it merged with the Department of Nursing at Columbus College (now Columbus State University). In conjunction with the Medical Center, St. Francis Hospital also developed a School of Medical Technology and a School of Radiologic Technology.

St. Francis Hospital acquired an excellent medical staff. Dr. Luis DuPont became House Staff Physician in 1950. In 1970 Dr. Quigg Fletcher became Medical Staff Physician while Dr. Clarence C. Butler became Medical Director of the hospital. Another physician associated with St. Francis Hospital was Dr. Bert Tillery, a prominent surgeon. It was said of him that he watched every brick laid during construction and after completion of the building, he practiced there exclusively. He became the first Chief of Staff of St. Francis and his portrait hangs in the

⁸S. A. Roddenbery, M. D., "History of St. Francis Hospital," *Bulletin of the Muscogee County Medical Society*, II (November 1955), 46-49.

⁹Constance Johnson, "Long Way up from the Pest House," *Columbus Ledger-Enquirer*, May 28, 1961, Sect. 7, p. 4.

lobby. Dr. Tillery was loved and respected by a wide following. A kind man, he never turned anyone away regardless of color or financial situation. He always kept studying and could be seen at all hours in the Medical Library at St. Francis reading journals and textbooks. Devoted to his profession he truly gave of himself in the practice of medicine; he died on December 1, 1959, at the hospital which was such a part of his life.¹⁰

The year 1955 marked the fiftieth anniversary of the Muscogee County Medical Society. Its 101 members had been crucial elements in the progress of medical science in Muscogee County. Progress continued during the anniversary year with the opening of the Bradley Center. The Bradley Center was established as a private nonprofit, outpatient, psychiatric unit for the treatment and prevention of emotional and mental disorders and for education and research.¹¹ Dr. Leonard T. Maholick, a local psychiatrist, became its first Medical Director. The building, of contemporary design and function in concept, was a psychiatric out-patient facility on 16th Avenue; it moved to new and expanded facilities in January, 1968. Other new specialties added around the 50th anniversary year were Dr. Lionel Yoe who became the city's first board qualified ophthalmologist, and Dr. George Donaghy who began his practice of anesthesiology at St. Francis Hospital. But there was one significant loss to medicine in 1956. Dr. Thomas Brewer, who had practiced in Columbus since 1921, and who was a leader of the NAACP and an active worker for voter reforms, was shot and killed.

By 1960, Columbus physicians could look back with some satisfaction at the strides made in medicine in Muscogee County. In that year the Medical Association of Georgia held its meeting in Columbus for the first time since 1921. In preparation for this event, Dr. W. P. Jordan reviewed the advances of medicine from 1949-1959. He noted that medicine practiced in the county was on a high plane with four well-equipped hospitals in the area: the Medical Center, the Cobb Hospital in Phenix City, St. Francis Hospital, and Martin Army Hospital at Fort Benning. He also noted that the greatest improvement and progress had taken place in the old "City

¹⁰Sister Evelyn, interview, January 29, 1971.

¹¹W. P. Jordan, M. D., "Ten Years of Medicine in Muscogee County," *Bulletin of the Muscogee County Medical Society*, VII (April, 1960), 17.

Hospital," now the Medical Center. Not only had patient attendance increased dramatically, but the Medical Center now employed a full time librarian. In the ten year period under review, the following additions had been made: (1) a new chapel; (2) a new department of physiotherapy; (3) the operating suite expanded; (4) new equipment for x-ray; (5) expansion of the Department of Pathology; (6) Nursing School development; (7) a new premature unit; (8) a dental staff member attending.¹²

It was entirely fitting that the Medical Association of Georgia's meeting in Columbus in 1960 was presided over by a local physician, Dr. Luther Wolff. The MAG provided an additional highlight by presenting Governor Vandiver with the Hardman Award for his work in the field of mental health.

(Editor's Note: The concluding section of this survey of Muscogee County medical history will be presented in a future issue of this journal.)

¹²Jordan, "Ten Years of Medicine in Muscogee County," *Bulletin of the Muscogee County Medical Society*, VII (April 1960), 21-25; see also, *Bulletin*, II (November, 1955).

LET'S GO COURTHOUSIN' AND CEMETERY TROMPING

By Gladys May

Courthouses and cemeteries are two of the best resources a genealogist can have.

My husband, Clifford, and I have had many great experiences at courthouses and cemeteries in Texas, Alabama, and Georgia.

Clifford's great great grandmother, Sarah Jane, lived in Georgia and wrote a journal from 1881 to 1905. It took me two and one-half years to decipher and transcribe the journal into our computer. I was very well acquainted with Sarah Jane by then. We decided to take a research trip to Georgia and see what we could find. All our research clues came from the journal, but we had to do a lot of reading between the lines. The latter part of the journal was written in Shellman, GA, but we did not know when or where she died or where she was buried. We went to the sleepy little town of Shellman late one afternoon. We didn't know anyone to ask for information. We saw a funeral home, but the note on the door said, "Call us if you need us"—no help there! On our way out of town, I spotted a cemetery. It was getting late, so Clifford took one area and I took another. I immediately started seeing names of people who were mentioned in the journal. Then Clifford asked me from his section, "Who is Hamer?" I told him that was Sarah Jane's grandson. He had found Hamer's whole family. I ran around on the other side of their plot and Eureka! There was Sarah Jane buried in a plot with her daughter and son in law, John and Sallie Anthony! I got so excited I was jumping up and down. To this day, Clifford tells an exaggerated story of my doing a dance in the cemetery. We found that she had died nine years after she stopped writing in her journal. Then we found we had another mystery on our hands that needed to be investigated. Neither of her two husbands was buried with her. They would have to wait until the next trip.

Sarah Jane wrote of "going to the family cemetery" and "went to put flowers at the graves." She was in the Columbus and LaGrange area when she wrote that. By the time we made our second trip to Georgia, we had heard about some cemeteries that we wanted to

investigate to see if we could find the two husbands. At the Troup County Archives, someone gave us directions to the Whatley Cemetery and we found Ornan Whatley, Sarah Jane's second husband. He was buried with his first two wives. Several of his children that were mentioned in the journal were also buried there. That same day, someone told us about Double Churches Cemetery in Columbus and told us how to find it. When we got there, I picked out the tallest, oldest looking tombstone I could find and went straight to it. There I found Sarah Jane's parents, John and Nancy Anthony Lokey.

Behind them was Sarah Jane's first husband, Thomas G. Hamer. Near him was a little five year old boy, "John A. Hamer, son of SJ and TG Hamer." We had not known before that day that Sarah Jane had a son. What a find that cemetery was! That day we realized we had found the "family cemetery." Since then, we have made many trips to Double Churches. Along with five cousins, we transcribed all the tombstones (over 500) and published a book. We have discovered that Sarah Jane was kin to at least 75 of the people buried there. Several of her 15 siblings are buried there. That cemetery is like a family history book. Later we found out that Sarah Jane's father had given land for the cemetery and Mt. Zion Church.

On one of the early trips to Georgia, we decided to go courthousin' at the Muscogee County Courthouse in Columbus. Once more, we hit paydirt. We got copies of both of Sarah Jane's marriage certificates. We also found the certificates for nine of her siblings.

I even found the marriage license for my Bush great great grandparents.

Every time we go to Georgia, we visit our two great sources of information and every time we come away with some fact that we had not already found. We have also added Troup County Archives and Bradley Library to our "must visit" list. We published the journal in hardcover along with our research and pictures in 2000. A copy of *We Had the White Rooster for Dinner* is now on a shelf of the Library of Congress. We like to think that Sarah Jane and all the relatives would be pleased about that.

MEMBERSHIP LIST OF BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH, MUSCOGEE COUNTY, GEORGIA

Transcribed by Stephen P. Barber

In 1860, the members of Bethel Baptist Church appointed a committee to examine the church books and to make a record of all members past and present. In August of that year the committee presented its findings and published a list in the church record book. In subsequent years, the list was used to record the transactions of the members, such as deaths, marriages, and transfers of memberships.

The record have been transcribed as they appear in the record book, with the exception of dates, which are transcribed using standard three letter month abbreviations.

Explanation of abbreviations

By Exper = The person made a profession of faith and was baptized.

By Let = The person transferred his or her membership from or to another Baptist church.

By Excommunication = The person was excommunicated or excluded from church membership due to some unacceptable behavior.

Names Admitted	Time of admission	By Exp	By Let	Time of Going Out	By Let	By Death	By excomm.
Ram James				Nov 1834			Joining another church
Rivers Richard	Jan 1835	Bap		Jan 1836	Let		
Ramsay Martha	Feb 1835		Let	Jan 1840	Let		
Ramsay Susan	Jul 1835	Bap		Jul 1853	Let		
Ramsay Susannah	Feb 1835		Let	Jan 1840	Let		
Ramsay Elizabeth	Feb 1835		Let	Jan 1840	Let		
Ramsay Exalina	Feb 1835		Let	Jan 1840	Let		
Ramsay James	Mar 1835		Let	Jan 1866		Dead	
Ramsay Mrs Paisodia	Mar 1835					Dead	
Ramsay Allen	Mar 1835		Let	Feb 1845	Let		
Ramsay Eliza	Mar 1835		Let			Dead	
Ramsay Nancy	Mar 1835		Let	Feb 1855 Mrs Peters	Let		
Roberts Jeremiah	Jul 1835		Let	Apr 1838	Let		
Names Admitted	Time of admission	By Exp	By Let	Time of Going Out	By Let	By Death	By excomm.
Ramsay Alexander	Jul 1835	Bap		Jan 1840	Let		
Robt <i>servt</i> A. J. Ward	Aug 1835	Bap		Sep 1847			Adultery
Ramsay Mary G.	Jan 1838		Let		Let		
Ramsay Sarah	Jan 1838		Let		Let		
Rhea Clarissa	Aug 1838	Bap		Apr 1841			Unchristian conduct
Redding <i>servt</i> J. Grimes	Aug 1838		Let	Sep 1858	Let		
Rhoda <i>servt</i> R. Christmas	Aug 1838		Let				
Ramsay Richard	Aug 1838		Let		Let		

Names Admitted	Time of admission	By Exp	By Let	Time of Going Out	By Let	By Death	By excomm.
Ramsay James	Sep 1842	Bap		Jan 17			Unchristian conduct
Roger <i>servt</i> J. Jackson	Jul 1842	Bap				Dead	
Russell John	Sep 1842	Bap				Dead	
Ramsay Priscilla	Sep 1848	Bap				Dead	
Rees James	Dec 1854		Let	Jun 1857	Let		
Rees Henry T.	Dec 1854		Let	Jun 1860	Let		
Rogers P. H.	Jan 1855		Let	Jul 1855	Let		
Rogers Milbra	Jan 1855		Let	Jul 1855	Let		
Rees Rebecca	Feb 1855		Let	Jun 1857	Let		
Rees J. P.	Feb 1856		Let	Nov 1856	Let		
Redding Martha	May 1856		Let	Nov 1859	Let		
Rosi <i>servt</i> J. Carter	Sep 1856	Bap					
Rosi <i>servt</i> Wm Wynn	Jun 1858		Let	Mar 1859	Let		
Stallings William	Jun 1829		Let	Nov 1845	Let		
Smith John J.	Jun 1829		Let	Dec 1838	Let		
Stallings Martha	Jun 1829		Let	Dec 1845		Dead	
Skinner John	Jun 1829		Let	Sep 1837	Let		
Smith Elizabeth	Jun 1829		Let	Bigfoot Jno wife			
Smith Susannah	Jan 1830		Let	Bigfoot Jno daughter			
Smith Elvira	Feb 1830		Let		Let		
Smith Nancy	Feb 1830		Let	Apr 1832			Drunkenness
Stephen <i>servt</i> H. Watt	Feb 1830		Let			Dead	
Sharp Elizabeth	Mar 1832		Let	Jun 1833			For joining another church
Swearingen John	Feb 1834		Let	Apr 1839	Let		
Swearingen Elizabeth	Feb 1834		Let	Apr 1839	Let		
Stribling Berry	Apr 1834		Let	Aug 1834	Let		
Stribling Mary	Apr 1834		Let	Aug 1834	Let		
Smith William	Jul 1834	Bap		Nov 1846	Let		
Stallings Jesse	Jul 1834	Bap		Nov 1846	Let		
Smith Josiah	Jul 1834	Bap		Oct 1835			Drunkenness
Smith Isabel	Aug 1834		Let	Bigfoot Jno daughter	Let		
Smith Elizabeth	Sep 1834	Bap		Oct 1844	Let		
Skinner W. S.	Sep 1834	Bap		Aug 1854	Let		
Smith Sarah Ann	Oct 1834	Bap		Bigfoot Jno daughter	Let		
Susan <i>servt</i> M. McNain	Dec 1834	Bap		Dec 1834	Let		
Sargent William	Jan 1835		Let	Jan 1838	Let		
Sargent Rebecca	Jan 1835		Let	Jan 1838	Let		
Smith John	Jul 1835		Let				
Stallings Lucy	Jul 1835	Bap		Nov 1846	Let		
Smith Daniel	Jul 1835	Bap		Jan 1841	Let		

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Names Admitted	Time of admission	By Exp	By Let	Time of Going Out	By Let	By Death	By excomm.
Spiller Rebecca	Jul 1835	Bap				Dead	
Spiller Jane	Jul 1835	Bap					
Stallings Elizabeth	Jul 1835	Bap		Nov 1845	Let		
Sawanc Crecy				Jan 1836	Let		
Simpson Alice	Mar 1838		Let				
Smith Mary	Aug 1838	Bap		Dec 1841	Let		
Swearingen Eliza	Aug 1838		Let	Apr 1839	Let		
Swearingen Amanda	Aug 1838		Let	Apr 1839	Let		
Stallings Caroline	Feb 1839		Let	Nov 1840	Let		
Stricklin Jane	Feb 1839		Let	Dec 1839	Let		
Slaughter Evalina	Sep 1842	Bap		Mar 1853			Joining another church
Sam <i>servt</i> C. Philips	Sep 1842	Bap		Moved to Ky			
Statia <i>servt</i> R. J. Crews	Sep 1842	Bap					
Shaw Dan	Aug 1843	Bap		Mar 1844			Drunk & fighting
Stallings Louisa	Aug 1843	Bap		Nov 1845	Let		
Slaughter Thomas	Sep 1843	Bap					Joining another church
Spear Harriss	Feb 1845		Let		Let		
Sidney <i>servt</i> D. Huff	Nov 1846		In full	fellowship			
Stafford William	Aug 1849		Let			Dead	
Stribling Julia				Nov 1852	Let		
Sarah Ann <i>servt</i> Mrs Foster	Mar 1853	Bap		Jul 1854	Let		
Sandy <i>servt</i> W. H. Howard	Oct 1853	Bap					
Sally <i>servt</i> Thos Giddens	Nov 1853	Bap		Nov 1859	Let		
Skelton Harriet	Aug 1848	Bap		Sep 1858	Let		
Sarah <i>servt</i> J. Downer	Jul 1859		Let				
Temperance <i>servt</i> J. B. Johns	Jun 1829		Let	Jan 1843	Let		
Thomas Michael	Feb 1830		Let	Jun 1833			Joining another church
Toler James	Feb 1830		Let	Mar 1832	Let		
Thornton Richard	Jan 1834	Bap		Nov 1840	Let		
Tarvin David	Aug 1834	Bap		Feb 1840	Let		
Tarvin Sarah	Sep 1834	Bap					
Tabitha <i>servt</i> A. Hartsfield	Sep 1834	Bap		Mar 1834			Stealing
Tarvin Nancy	Dec 1834	Bap					
Thornton Elizabeth	Apr 1835	Bap		Nov 1840	Let		
Tarvin Elizabeth	Jul 1835		Let				
Traywick William	Apr 1837		Let	Feb 1839			Lying

Names Admitted	Time of admission	By Exp	By Let	Time of Going Out	By Let	By Death	By excomm.
Tarvin Martha	Aug 1838		Let				
Touelove <i>servt</i> Lucy Stallings	Sep 1842	Bap		Nov 1846		Dead	
Tarvin Churchwell	Oct 1845		Let	Aug 1854			Contempt of church
Threlkeld J. W.	Feb 1852		Let				
Umphrey Benjamin	Aug 1838	Bap					
Ursca <i>servt</i> R. Christmas	Sep 1834	Bap				Dead	
Vina <i>servt</i> K. H. Roberts	Aug 1838	Bap		Jan 1843			Unchristian conduct
Venus <i>servt</i> H. Watt	May 1839	Bap					
Vincent Sarah				May 1843			Joining another church
Visey <i>servt</i> Thos Davis	Jul 1858	Bap					
Willis Cary C.	Jun 1829	Bap					
Watt Lucy	Dec 1829		Let				
White Nancy	May 1831	Bap		Jan 1836	Let		
White George	Sep 1831	Bap		Jan 1836	Let		
Watt Hugh	Aug 1832	Bap		Apr 1845		Dead	
Welch Ann M.	Jul 1834	Bap					
Williamson Margaret	Aug 1834	Restored		Jul 1838	Let		
Wammack George	Feb 1835		Let	Sep 1839	Let		
Wammack Nancy	Feb 1835		Let	Sep 1839	Let		
Waldrop G. B.	Mar 1835		Let	Dec 1839	Let		
Waldrop G. F.	Mar 1835		Let			Dead	
Waldrop Elizabeth	Mar 1835		Let	Dec 1839	Let		
Wilson Nancy				Apr 1835	Let		
Wood Mariah	Jul 1835	Bap		Nov 1835	Let		
Wood Ellis	Jul 1835	Bap		Dec 1835			Stealing
Waldrop A. M.	Aug 1835	Bap		Dec 1839	Let		
Walton Elizabeth	Mar 1837		Let	Mar 1840	Let		
Weaver Lavinia A.	1837			Aug 1837			
Wood Martha							
Wood Robt.	Feb 1838		Let				
West Clarissa	Apr 1842		Let	1859		Dead	
Williams Mary	Sep 1842	Bap					
Williams brother				Mar 1843	Let		
Welborn Wm W.	Feb 1843		Let		Let		
Welborn Sarah	Feb 1843		Let		Let		
Wilson Stephen	Jun 1844		Let	Aug 1845			Contempt of church
Wilson Frances	Jun 1844		Let	Oct 1855	Let		
Williams James	Sep 1847	Bap				Dead	
Willis William B.	Sep 1847	Bap		Feb 1852	Let		
Willis Thos. J.	Sep 1847	Bap		Dec 1854	Let		

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Names Admitted	Time of admission	By Exp	By Let	Time of Going Out	By Let	By Death	By excomm.
Willis Jesse S.	Sep 1847	Bap		Jan 1854	Let		
Welborn John	Sep 1847	Bap			Let		
Watt Charles P.	Nov 1847	Bap		Feb 1855	Let		
Wm. <i>servt</i> W. H. Howard				Jun 1851	Let		
Watt Thos. J.	Aug 1845	Bap		Oct 1853			Joining another church
Willis Mary	Sep 1848	Bap					
Worrill Charles	May 1851		Let	Feb 1852	Let		
Wm. <i>servt</i> S. Jenkins	Nov 1851	Bap					
Williams J. B.	May 1852		Let	May 1854			Contempt of church
Winney <i>servt</i> J. Nivens	May 1852		Let	Dec 1852	Let		
West Samuel	Aug 1853	Bap		Feb 1856	Let		
Willis George G.	Sep 1855	Bap		Nov 13, 1858		Died	
Williamson Alfred	Feb 1856		Let	Nov 1857	Let		
Williamson Ann H.	Feb 1856		Let	Nov 1857	Let		
Wynn T.				Nov 1854	Let		
Wilson Martha E.	May 1851		Let				
Wilson Dr. Jno. T.	Dec 1857	Bap					
Watt B. F.	Jul 1855	Bap					
Weaver Sidney	Mar 1859		Let				
Weaver Sarah	Aug 1860	Bap					
Wealthy <i>servt</i> M. J. Crawford	Apr 1860		Let				
Young Mrs. E. A.	May 1858		Let				
Nancy <i>servt</i> Thos. Lyon				Jan 1846			
Peter <i>servt</i> S. Jenkins	May 1852	Bap					
Randal <i>servt</i> S. Pickard	Aug 1860	Bap					
Phelty Caroline L.	Aug 1860	Bap					
Willis N. G.	Aug 1860	Bap					
Willis Edward P.	Aug 1860	Bap					
Huff C. L.	Aug 1860	Bap					
Green Wm. H.	Aug 1860	Bap					
Dunn Amanda	Aug 1860	Bap					
Johnson Sarah J.	Aug 1860	Bap					
Gaffney Ella S.	Aug 1860	Bap					
Pearce Eliza J.	Aug 1860	Bap					
Tom <i>servt</i> Sarah Meachum	Aug 1860	Bap					
Charlotte <i>servt</i> J. M. Leonard	Aug 1860		Let				
Newsome Greenberry	Sep 1860	Restored		Sep 1860	Let		
Stephen <i>servt</i> Mrs. Lucy Watt	Oct 1860					Dead	

Names Admitted	Time of admission	By Exp	By Let	Time of Going Out	By Let	By Death	By excomm.
Charles <i>servt</i> Mrs. Holcomb	Oct 1860						For theft
Martin Mrs. E. H.	Oct 1860		Let				
Wilson Dr. J. T.	Oct 1860				Let		
Wilson Mrs. Martha E.	Oct 1860				Let		
Jenkins Mrs.	Oct 1860	Bap					
Weaver Sidney				Nov 1860	Let		
Weaver Sarah				Nov 1860	Let		
Young Mrs. E. A.				Nov 1860			
Lynch Mrs. Martha	Dec 9, 1860					Died	
Gaffney Davis E.				Dec 1860	Let		
Gaffney Mrs. Ella S.				Dec 1860	Let		
Brannon John				Dec 1860	Let		

RIVERDALE CEMETARY RECORDS
COLUMBUS, GEORGIA

NOTE: This extract, fifth of a series, is copied from a record made in 1945 by the LDS Church for its Genealogical Society, Salt Lake City, Utah (Catalog No. 8740143, Microfilm: GA c11b). One of four public cemeteries in Columbus, Riverdale Cemetery originated in 1890. This index included burials through 1943. No attempt to confirm name spelling or dates has been made by this journal. Researchers may wish to authenticate the information by viewing the records at the Sexton's Office: call (706) 653-4579 for directions and hours.

HAGAN

Mildred Marie, b. 24 July 1893, at Oie City Penn., d. 5 Apr. 1937 at Bambridge, Ga.
Wife of W. Cleaveland Thomas.

Rosalind, (Banner Lot), d. 20 Jan. 1936.

HAINES

L. P., b. 1880, d. 1920.

HAIR

Annie H., b. 8 Oct. 1874, d. 30 Mar. 1942. Wife of B. H. Willis.

HALE

Albert, b. 15 Apr. 1895, at Muscogee Co. Ala., s. of Richard Hale and Mary Murphey,
d. 29 Sept. 1941.

Beverly, b. 1 Sept. 1917, d. 18 Oct. 1918.

Clara, b. at Jakem Ga., dau. of Amos McLendon and Rebecca Railey, d. 31 Oct. 1941,
d. age 64 yrs.

Ethel, b. 24 Oct. 1914, d. 24 Oct. 1918.

Pearl Beatrice, b. 3 Nov. 1878, d. 6 June 1934.

Samuel A., b. 4 Feb. 1856, d. 3 May 1928.

HALL

Addie Willie Melton, d. 26 Feb. 1943, at Russell Co. Ala., buried 28 Feb. 1943.

Albert, b. 15 Apr. 1895, at Muscogee Co. Ga., s. of Richard Hall and Mary Murphey,
d. 20 Sept. 1941.

Andrew J., b. 24 Nov. 1885, d. 4 May 1935.

Anita Clair, b. 28 Mar. 1937, dau. of Harry Hall and Geneva Hall, d. 15 Nov. 1937.

Bettie, b. 27 Feb. 1881, d. 3 July 1922. Wife of J. W. Allen.

Carl E., b. 30 Jan. 1928, d. 23 Jan. 1935.

Dorthy Jeannette, b. 15 Sept. 1924, d. 24 Jan. 1926.

Eliga (Mrs.), b. 2 Jan. 1889, d. 23 Feb. 1902.

Eliza (Mrs.), b. 2 June 1889, at Georgia, dau. of T. B. Hyde and Martha, d. 23 Feb. 1942,
d. at Columbus Ga. Occupation, Domestic.

Eva E. (Mrs.), b. 20 Apr. 1897, at Geneva County, Ala, dau. Of John W. Rass and Lula
Napear, d. 20 May 1942. Wife of Henry Hall.

Harry Alton, b. 2 Apr. 1906, s. of C. S. Hall and Eva M. Hall, d. 26 July 1907.

Jasper (Jr.)

M. E. (Dr.), b. 1872, d. 1940.

Marie Elizabeth, b. 19 July 1889, d. 29 Mar. 1923. Wife of A. M. Smith.

Martin E., d. 4 June 1940, at Rochester Minnesota, age 67 yrs.

Mary C. (Mrs.). b. 21 May 1861, d. 15 July 1932.

Raymond R., b. 9 Aug. 1911, d. 7 July 1931.

Virgie A., b. 6 Feb. 1865, d. 27 Feb. 1924.

Will R., b. 5 Mar. 1877, d. 7 Jan. 1929.

HALLEMAN

Robert H., b. 2 June 1897, d. 18 July 1934.

HALLENBECK

Leona, b. 6 Oct. 1858, d. 21 Sept. 1933. Wife of M. E. Edwards.

HAM

John T., d. 27 Dec. 1916, age 27 yrs.

Mattie L., b. 1872, d. 1939.

Pheobe, d. 27 June 1910, age 82 yrs.

Samantha, b. 1852, d. 1916.

Sarah Margaret, b. 26 Oct. 1858, d. 18 Oct. 1930. Wife of Matthew R. McLeroy.

HAMBY

Charles Munro, b. 12 Nov. 1851, d. 11 Mar. 1900.

Ella Billings, b. 28 Oct. 1856, d. 23 Mar. 1926.

Willie Mae (Mrs.), b. 1 Nov. 1904, d. 15 Oct. 1935.

HAMER

Annie J., d. 4 Mar. 1913.

B. G., b. 29 Mar. 1849, d. 30 Dec. 1917.

Claire King, b. 10 July 1915, d. 29 Oct. 1920.

Claud C., b. 1888, d. 1927.

Elizabeth (Mrs.), b. 11 July 1861, d. 9 Apr. 1923.

Margurett L., b. 9 May 1848, d. 14 Oct. 1924.

Thelma E., b. 25 Sept. 1905, d. 24 Jan. 1941. Wife of W. G. Riley.

HAMES

George W., b. 5 Feb. 1882, d. 20 July 1930.

HAMILTON

Katie, b. 10 Oct. 1875, d. 27 Nov. 1919. Wife of W. A. Hendricks.

HAMLIN

A. J. (Mrs.), b. 26 Nov. 1856, d. 25 Mar. 1916.

HAMMOCK

Eddie Albert, b. 16 Aug. 1896, d. 10 Aug. 1924.

John Thomas, b. 14 Oct. 1861, d. 23 Mar. 1920.

Mary E., b. 28 Feb. 1884, d. 9 May 1927.

Thomas H., b. 24 May 1882, d. 16 Mar. 1937.

Walter C., b. 4 Mar. 1888, s. of J. F. Hammock, d. 27 Mar. 1940.

William E. (Jr.), b. 27 Jan. 1941, d. 20 Mar. 1941.

HAMMOND

Minnie, b. 1888, d. 1924.

HAMMONDS

W. H. (Mrs.), b. 23 Aug. 1863, d. 4 Apr. 1920.

HAMPTON

Ester Lavonic (Mrs.), b. 8 Mar. 1894, d. 1 Feb. 1935.

HANCOCK

Infant, b. 15 June 1941, at Columbus Ga., child of J. L. Hancock and Edith Philpot,
d. 15 June 1941.

Annie Lee, b. 13 May 1888, d. 11 Oct. 1918.

Cyril C., b. 25 Apr. 1898, d. 18 Apr. 1924.

J. M., b. 1 Feb. 1870, d. 12 Jan. 1938.

Matilda Jane (Mrs.), b. 1857, d. 1925.

W. R., b. 25 Dec. 1874, d. 23 Sept. 1932.

William E. (Jr.), b. 27 Jan. 1941, at Columbus Ga., s. of William Hancock Sr. and Juanita Beach, d. 20 Mar. 1941, at Columbus GA.

HANELSON

Ruby (Mrs.), b. 1871, d. 1926.

HANEY

Alberta, b. 22 Feb. 1876, d. 13 May 1923.

James B., b. 26 Jan. 1891, d. 29 Oct. 1931.

HANNAH

Samuel, d. 16 Sept. 1913. Name on Moneument (sic.) of Confederacy, C. S. Burial ground.

HANNERS

John K., b. 13 Feb. 1892, d. 27 July 1939.

HARBERT

Nancy (Mrs.), b. 1851?, d. 1927?.

HARBUCK

John H., b. 1 Sept. 1885, d. 23 July 1933.

HARDEN

Irine Boland, b. 1882, d. 1923.

Jeppie, b. 1880, d. 1936.

Lois E. (Mrs.), b. 8 Oct. 1905, d. 11 Feb. 1930.

HARDMAN

H. A., b. 28 Aug. 1884, d. 11 May 1931.

Lucile Jones (Mrs.), b. 17 Oct. 1886, d. 19 Jan. 1939.

HARDY

Edith Elizabeth, b. 4 Sept. 1874, d. 20 Jan. 1928.

Eliza Malone, b. 2 May 1854, d. 25 June 1933. Wife of William H. Scott.

J. G., b. 13 Apr. 1875, d. 26 Mar. 1931.

Sarah F., b. 11 Aug. 1849, d. 24 May 1839. (sic.).

HARGETT

John Wilson, b. 1 May 1870, d. 28 Oct. 1929.

Mattie (Mrs.), b. 17 Nov. 1899, at Lanett Ala., dau. Of J. W. Delvach and Sallie Cartle,
d. 18 June 1940, at 1347 Talbotton Rd. Cols Rd. Cols. Ga.

Minnie Jewett (Mrs.), b. 29 Sept. 1865, d. 23 Jan. 1934.

Pauline, b. 1 Jan. 1899, d. 25 Dec. 1926.

HARLEY

Joyce Kissick, b. 15 Sept. 1890, d. 15 Oct. 1917. Wife of Wade H. Harley.

HARMON

Kenneth R. (Inf.), b. 16 Jan. 1941, at Columbus, Ga., s. of W. P. Harmon and Jane
Seneson, d. 16 Jan. 1941.

HARP

Franklin Dallas, b. 31 Aug. 1914, d. 25 July 1934.

Mildred Fredonia, b. 24 June, 1938, at Columbus Ga., s. [sic. ?] of Dixon Harp and
Mildred Davis, d. 29 Apr. 1942, at Columbus Ga.

HARPP

J. D., d. 21 Sept. -22, age 41 yrs.

HARRELL

Amanda (Miss), b. 25 Jan. 1912, d. 19 Sept. 1929.

Bobbie Lee, b. 9 Nov. 1940, at Columbus Ga., s. of P. N. Harrell and Delton Spears,
d. 11 Nov. 1940.

Joseph T., b. 25 Dec. 1878, d. 7 Dec. 1919.

Mary E., b. 25 Dec. 1878, d. 27 July 1927.

Mary Ida, b. 26 May 1876, d. 24 May 1940. Wife of J. M. Roberts.

HARRINGTON

Ira, b. 13 May 1895, d. 21 June 1927.

Jewell (Harrington Lot.).

Roxie, b. 4 Nov. 1870, d. 22 Mar. 1939. Wife of Ben H. Ryder.

Texie, b. 22 July 1874, d. 9 June 1929. Wife of John T. Bray.

HARRIS

- Infant, dau. of Lillian Harris.
- Alice Stralford, b. 15 Oct. 1875, d. 27 Jan. 1920.
- Alvin Lafkowitz, b. 13 Jan. 1913, at Columbus Ga., s. of Charles Lafkowitz and Stella Loeb., d. 18 Nov. 1941. (sic.)
- Andrew Jackson, b. 8 Apr. 1837, d. 11 Mar. 1913.
- Earl R., b. 13 Nov. 1874, d. 11 Mar. 1913.
- Ena (Miss.), b. 19 Oct. 1895, at Georgia, dau. of Lemuel Harris and Lula Holton, d. 15 Apr. 1942.
- Jacob, b. 1865, d. 1930.
- Jesse B., b. 20 Dec. 1860, d. 4 Dec. 1911.
- Lafkowitz, b. 2 Dec. 1830, d. 16 Feb. 1913. Wife was Hanna Harris.
- Mary, b. 1869, d. 5 Mar. 1926., d. 5 Mar. 1926. Wife of J. Harris.
- Miles N. (Jr.), b. 28 July 1923, d. 10 Jan. 1924, s. of Sgt. Miles M. Harris.
- Ode, b. 24 Sept. 1881, s. of W. S. Harris and Ellifa Johnson, d. 24 Oct. 1941.
- Perry S., b. 1859, d. 1941, age 82 yrs.
- Ray W., b. 22 Oct. 1927, s. (Inf.), of Sgt and Mrs. Miles M. Harris.
- Stirling P., b. 3 Dec. 1874, d. 2 Sept. 1934.
- William Edmond (Sgt.), d. 23 Aug. 1942, age 22 yrs. at Fort Jackson S. C.

HARRISON

- Betty Rynce, b. 30 Aug. 1902, d. 25 Feb. 1930.
- Emily E., b. 1848, d. 1915.
- Jesse Eugene, b. 12 June 1899, d. 14 July 1925.

HART

- Harry, b. 2 Feb. 1864, at England, s. of Charles Hart, d. 11 May 1940, at City Hosp. Cols. Ga.

HARTLEY

- Edith (Mrs.), b. 14 Feb. 1903, d. 30 Jan. 1942.
- Eva M., b. 14 Feb. 1903, at Tennessee, dau. of C. C. Brock and Harriett Ensrey,

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d. 31 Jan. 1942.

HARTMAN

Ellis, b. 5 Sept. 1868, d. 28 Mar. 1940.

HARVEY

Charles B., b. 21 Mar. 1884, d. 20 May 1920.

Elizabeth Rodgers, b. 3 May 1838, d. 28 July 1913. Wife of B. G. Harvey.

Gussie (Mrs.), b. 22 June 1848, d. 23 May 1930.

Mary E., b. 6 Sept. 1877, d. 30 Mar. 1933. Wife of Samuel H. Binham or (Bigham).

Thomas, b. 3 Sept. 1882, d. 19 May 1918.

Walter F., b. 28 Sept. 1879, s. of W. T. Harvey and Mary Land, d. 10 Mar. 1941.

William T., b. 18 Dec. 1856, d. 22 Oct. 1927.

HASTY

W. A., b. 1 Aug. 1865, d. 4 Oct. 1903.

W. H., b. 5 Nov. 1888, d. 16 Jan. 1912.

HATCHER

C. A., b. 20 Aug. 1876, d. 31 Dec. 1933.

Carrie B., b. 1883, d. 1934.

Claud A., b. 21 Feb. 1907, d. 22 Apr. 1908.

Lucius Adkins, b. 20 Mar. 1854, d. 10 Dec. 1921.

HATFIELD

Mildred Louise, b. 14 Nov. 1924, d. 3 Aug. 1925.

HAWKINS

Evins H. or (Evans), b. 29 Aug. 1878, s. of J. H. Hawkins and Sallie Arant,
d. 24 July 1941.

George, d. 29 Apr. 1915, Name on Moneument (sic.) of Confederacy, C. S.
Burial Ground.

J. H., b. 29 Feb. 1856, d. 4 Apr. 1922.

James Robart, b. 15 Feb. 1871, d. 27 Oct. 1930.

Jimmie Leola, b. 11 Sept. 1876, d. 7 Mar. 1922. Wife of Edgar P. Alford.

HAYES

Herman Thomas, b. 23 Nov. 1905, at Girard Ala., s. of Charles A. Hayes and Minnie Johnson, d. 26 June 1941.

Minnie L. (Mrs.), b. 14 Jan. 1879, at Phenix City Ala., dau. of William Johnson and Mollie Jimmerson, d. 26 Apr. 1941, at Russell Co. Ala.

Nora, b. 9 Aug. 1896, d. 25 Jan. 1931.

HAYS

Chancey Oliver, b. 16 Aug. 1906, d. 24 May 1937.

Frank Wynn, b. 4 Mar. 1933, d. 14 May 1938.

Herman Thomas, b. 23 Nov. 1905, d. 26 Jan. 1941.

Zera Inez, b. 29 Aug. 1910, d. 12 Sept. 1928.

HAYWOOD

Marlin M., b. 26 Nov. 1895, d. 28 Mar. 1942.

W. M., b. 26 Nov. 1895, at Taylor County Georgia, s. of Jesse Haywood and Effie Heath, d. 28 Mar. 1942, at Columbus County Georgia.

Walter E., b. 3 Dec. 1878, d. 14 Aug. 1937.

HEAD

Frances L., b. 6 Sept. 1892, d. 6 Dec. 1938. Wife of C. B. Bagwell.

W. M., b. 10 Sept. 1845, d. 2 May 1924.

W. M. (Mrs.), b. 11 July 1857, d. 17 May 1916.

William H., b. 17 Aug. 1886, d. 14 Oct. 1929.

HEARD

Charles Lee, b. 14 Jan. 1904, d. 28 Jan. 1938.

HEARN

Benjamin Franklin, b. 15 Jan. 1850, at Schley Co. Ga., d. 5 Jan. 1943, at 1721 1st Ave., at Col. Ga., buried 6 Jan. 1943, Occupation, retired.

Josie Oliver, b. 1898, d. 1931. Wife of Albert A. Hearn.

Katie Joe, b. 1920, d. 1923.

Rebecca C., b. 7 July 1891, d. 17 Jan. 1935. Wife of Perry W. Tucker.

S. D., b. July 1871, d. 18 Dec. 1906.

W. D., b. 18 Aug. 1892, d. 19 June 1929.

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HEATH

Lillie, d. 19 Dec. 1932., age 23 yrs. Wife of John Wood.

Mary Marjorie, b. 8 July 1936, d. 8 June 1937.

William, d. 6 Dec. 1926 Georgia Private 17 Inf. 11 Div.

HEATON

William L., d. 29 Aug. 1935. Georgia Pvt. U. S. Army.

HECHT

Infant, b. 6 Feb. 1925, s. of Charles K. Hecht and Sallie Hecht, d. 6 Feb. 1925.

Adell, b. 1 Dec. 1859, d. 7 Feb. 1920.

Edward, b. 15 Jan. 1890, s. of Joseph Hecht and Adele Kohn, d. 23 Sept. 1940.

Joseph, b. 14 Apr. 1844, d. 25 June 1917.

Morris, b. 16 June 1877, s. of Joseph Hecht and Adele Hecht, d. 11 Dec. 1914.

HEIGLER

Emily, d. age 79 yrs.

HELMES

Amanda, b. 19 Apr. 1872, d. 14 Apr. 1940. Wife of B. E. Denson.

Benjamin F., b. 19 Apr. 1881, d. 10 Aug. 1939.

Wade, b. 10 Mar. 1883, d. 21 Aug. 1942.

Weaver, b. 10 Aug. 1905, d. 5 Dec. 1922.

HELTON

Charles A., b. 11 June 1852, d. 7 Apr. 1925.

Charles R., b. 7 Nov. 1889, d. 31 July 1937.

Christine Smith, b. 21 Dec. 1906, d. 20 June 1907. (Smith-Helton Lot.).

F. C., b. 16 Sept. 1883, d. 4 Sept. 1906.

HEMPHILL

Wilmer Faith, b. 18 Dec. 1906, at Draketown Ga., dau. of Joe Ferguson and Dora E. Carroll., d. 10 Feb. 1941.

Wilmer Fay (Mrs.), d. 1941.

HENDERSON

Charles John W., d. 9 Sept. 1942.

John Henry, b. 6 Aug. 1907, d. 3 Oct. 1931.

Joseph E., b. 20 Apr. 1883, at DeFuniak Spgs. Fla, d. 15 – 1925.

Leland J. (Mrs.), b. 1880, d. 1916.

Leonard William (Jr.), b. 1923, d. 1925.

Lewis A., b. 1878, d. 1934.

Lewis A., b. 1917, d. 1934.

Louie G., b. 1860, d. 1930.

Maggie, b. 16 July 1853, at Huston Scotland, d. 28 Nov. 1919. Wife of F. C. Henderson.

Margarett A., b. 5 Feb. 1892, at Athol, Mass., d. 11 Jan. 1941. Wife of E. U. Sessions.

Mary Isabella, b. 1874, b. 1874, near Carlisle England, d. 14 May 1924. Wife of
F. C. Henderson.

Myrtle, b. 21 Sept. 1906, dau. of Virgil Hobbs and Bulah Rogers, d. 9 Oct. 1942.

Sallie, b. 14 Mar. 1887, d. 18 May 1911.

Susie Mary, b. 23 Dec. 1905, d. 25 June 1941. Wife of V. C. Pullen.

HENDLEY

Clifford Foy, b. 3 Oct. 1900, d. 3 May 1914.

William J., b. 22 May 1867, d. 15 Mar. 1929.

HENDRIX

Burrell J., d. 27 Feb. 1907, age 12 yrs.

Callie, b. 24 June 1884, d. 20 Aug. 1936. Wife of Andrew J. Jackson.

J. H., b. 7 Jan. 1886, d. 27 May 1926.

M., b. 25 Oct. 1849, d. 5 Mar. 1927.

Marion F., b. 19 Jan. 1878, d. 11 Dec. 1912.

Marshall Z., b. 3 May 1883, d. 18 June 1939.

William H., d. 21 Sept. 1900, age 23 Yrs.

HENSON

John Thomas, b. 19 May 1872, d. 22 Apr. 1922.

Oliver D., b. 14 Apr. 1900, d. 24 Apr. 1940.

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HERMAN

Isadore, Inf., b. 31 Jan. 1912, s. of Isadore Herman and Varma Herman, d. 31 Jan. 1912.

HERN

Emmie Gene, (Infant), b. 4 Mar. 1932. (sic.).

HERNDON

Infant, b. 16 Oct. 1917, s. of L. D. Herndon and Frances Herndon. (sic.).

Bridges Waldon, b. 21 Oct. 1931 or 1941, child of J. B. Herndon and Becker Bridges,
d. 30 Oct. 1931, or (1941), born at Columbus, Ga.

Mary Joe, b. 9 Nov. 1918, d. 19 May 1926.

HERRICKS

Bessie, b. 2 Feb. 1889, d. 6 Sept. 1918. Wife of John Nobles Walkins.

HERRING

Charles H., b. 10 Nov. 1840, d. 6 Nov. 1933. Co. K. 12 Ala. Inf. C. S. A.

J. Wiley, b. 1 Apr. 1892, d. 13 Nov. 1939.

John L., b. 12 Dec. 1891, d. 20 Sept. 1929.

Lethia Dora, b. 7 July 1942, at Columbus Ga., dau. of Fannie Bunn and Robert J.
Stripling, d. 16 Sept. 1942, at Columbus Ga.

Lousiana (Mrs.), b. 10 Feb. 1847, d. 18 Apr. 1937.

HERRON

Clara (Mrs.), b. 28 Sept. 1896, d. 31 Jan. 1923.

Griffith, b. 27 Jun 1893, d. 7 Feb. 1938.

Minnie Myrtle, b. 28 Aug. 1923, d. 29 May 1925.

Ruth, (Infant.)

HERZ

Arthur W., b. 17 Sept. 1874, at Ala., s. of Frederick Herz and Virginia Burke,
d. 4 May 1940, at City Hosp. Col. Ga.

Ola Lee (Mrs.), b. 2 Feb. 1879, d. 29 June 1929.

HESTER

Camilla Frances Harpp, b. 16 Nov. 1907, or 1908, at Columbus Ga., dau. of H. H. Hard
and Exil Martin, d. 6 Apr. 1941, at City Hospital Col. Ga.

Vida (Mrs.), b. 18 May 1897, d. 13 Oct. 1936.

HICKLIN

Joseph Wylie, b. 1899, d. 1914.

HICKS

Doc. Co. G. 3 U. S. Vol. Engineers. Spanish American War.

HICKSON

Lucy B. (Mrs.), b. 1857, d. 1931.

HIGGINS

Hiram Pearson, b. 6 Mar. 1920, d. 1929.

Leage, (Mrs.), b. 1891, d. 1927.

HIGHTOWER

A. P. (Mrs.), b. 8 May 1909, d. 21 Jan. 1930.

HILBURN

Katherine, b. 12 July 1877, d. 17 July 1937. Wife of John Goodman.

HILL

Bertha, b. 28 Feb. 1890, dau. of J. W. Haines and Elizabeth Smith, d. 7 Jan. 1943 born at Troup County, Ga.

David W., d. 7 Feb. 1911. Name on Moneument (sic.) of Confederacy, C. S. Burial ground.

George Dewey, b. 7 Sept. 1898, s. of Richard Hill and Lila Mae Fincher, d. 28 Sept. 1941, buried at Ridge Grave Ala.

John D., d. 1 Nov. 1918. Georgia Pvt. 50 Coast Art Corps.

John Francis, (Jr.), (Infant), (in Pekor Lot.)

M. K., b. 1 Jan. 1865, d. 8 Feb. 1930.

Mary DuBose, b. 23 Mar. 1925, dau. of Capt. John Francis Hill and Mable Pekor, d. 22 Apr. 1927.

P. A., b. 18 Aug. 1880, d. 6 Sept. 1925.

Robert P., b. 13 July 1889, at Florida, s. of Rod Hill and Lula Kent, d. 11 Feb. 1943, at Columbus Ga.

W. H., b. 1839, d. 1931.

William E., b. 22 Mar. 1879, or 1870, s. of Robert Hill and Fannie Mace, d. 3 June 1940.

HILLER

Anna, b. 8 Sept. 1895, d. 8 Sept. 1938. Wife of Albert Roninson.

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Bessie T., b. 1898, d. 1921.

J. W., b. 17 Sept. 1867, d. 5 Sept. 1911.

HILTON

James F., b. 25 Sept. 1898, d. 25 Feb. 1934.

HINDSMAN

Clarence B., b. 12 Nov. 1889, d. 18 Dec. 1923.

Clarence B., b. 6 Aug. 1920, d. 27 Nov. 1920.

J. Edward, b. 12 Apr. 1905, d. 20 Mar. 1931.

HINES

John W., b. 1852, d. 1931.

HINSON

Oliver D., b. 14 Apr. 1900, at Ala., s. of Eli Hinson and Mary Thomas, d. 24 Apr. 1940,
28 or 4 Ave. Col. Ga.

HINTON

Wiley O., b. 1850, d. 1922.

HIRSCH

Annett, b. 14 Nov. 1912, d. 14 Dec. 1913.

Ash, b. 20 Aug. 1942, at Columbus Ga., s. of Aaron Hirsch and Rosa Garbar,
d. 20 Aug. 1942 (Still Born.)

Eliza L., b. 25 Dec. 1852, at Coungton La., d. 4 May 1916.

Florence G., b. 27 Feb. 1876, d. 12 May 1926. Wife of Samuel Kaufman,
d. 12 May 1926.

Frances S., b. 22 Sept. 1853, at Louisville Ky., d. 4 Nov. 1904, at Columbus Ga.
Wife of Marcus M. Hirsch.

Hermann, b. 27 July 1842, at Hammelborg Bavaria, d. 13 Apr. 1897.

M. A., d. 27 May 1914.

Marcus M., b. 29 Apr. 1842, at Thorn Germany, d. 23 June 1905, at Ashville N. C.
Husband of Frances S. Hirsch.

Minnie, b. 23 Mar. 1852, d. 8 Feb. 1925.

Mority, M., b. 25 Aug. 1893, d. 18 Apr. 1912.

Moses, b. 18 Mar. 1845, d. 12 May 1929.

HITSON

Katie R., b. 30 June 1914, d. 18 May 1931.

HIX

Dollie, b. 23 Dec. 1891, d. 27 Feb. 1925.

HOBART

Charles E., d. July 1896, age 56 yrs.

HOBBS

Douglas H., d. 4 Apr. 1930. Georgia Med. Dept.

George B., b. 21 May 1896, d. 25 Apr. 1929. Ga. Pvt. ICL. 30 Inf. 30 IV.

George Thomas, b. 20 Oct. 1864, d. 7 Oct. 1922.

J. B., b. 29 July 1847, d. 7 Mar. 1917.

J. I. (Mrs.), b. 20 May 1866, d. 12 Feb. 1927.

Mollie, b. 23 Aug. 1876, d. 26 July 1920. Wife of Herschell Hobbs.

HOBSON

Fannie (Mrs.), d. 22 Jan. 1919, b. 7 Dec. 1855.

HODGES

James Wesley, b. 28 Oct. 1869, d. 19 Nov. 1925.

Patrica, b. 2 Aug. 1942, dau. Of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Hodges, mother, (Jean Farley)
d. 27 Aug. 1942. (sic.).

W. C., b. 14 Feb. 1875, d. 1 Jan. 1936.

HODNETT

Tinnie Ditus, b. 20 Nov. 1872, d. 27 Dec. 1929. Wife of D. P. Copeland.

HOFFLIN

Julia G., b. 17 Apr. 1857, d. 3 Jan. 1938.

Milton J., b. 18 Apr. 1887, d. 6 Jan. 1938.

HOFFMAN

M. A. (Mrs.) (In Hoffman Lot.)

W. A., b. 1871, d. 1920.

HOLLAN

Mable C., b. 6 Mar. 1906, d. 8 Feb. 1937.

HOLLAND

Beaverly Ann, b. 1 Jan. 1943, at Columbus Ga., dau. of Corp. Ben H. Holland and

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Mary Frances Wright, d. 1 Jan. 1943.

William Wright, b. 26 Feb. 1917, d. 1 July 1934.

HOLLEMAN

R. H. (Jr.), Infant, b. 23 May 1923. (sic.).

William F., b. 16 July 1858, d. 13 Feb. 1893.

HOLLIS

(Grave by the side of G. W. Hollis, had "Mother" inscribed,) d. 27 Jan. 1932.

Charles Vaughn, b. 13 Mar. 1874, d. 11 July 1936.

Edward Eugene, b. 6 Feb. 1872, d. 31 Dec. 1921.

Elton Leo, b. 21 July 1870, at Marion Co. Ga., s. of Zacharias Hollis and Emma Hollis,
d. 6 Mar. 1940.

Emma Rebecca, b. 12 July 1850, d. 5 Oct. 1928.

G. W., b. 17 May 1871, d. 26 Dec. 1931.

S. F. (Mrs.), b. 10 Dec. 1854, d. 24 Oct. 1923.

T. N., b. 20 Sept. 1850, d. 17 Jan. 1936.

HOLMES

Daniel A., b. 29 June 1891, d. 23 Mar. 1935.

Emma Della, b. 14 July 1879, d. 3 June 1919.

Josephene (Mrs.), b. 30 Oct. 1868, d. 5 July 1939.

HOLT

Lonnie Percie, b. 16 Aug. 1918, d. 25 Dec. 1934.

Maggie Regina, b. 3 Jan. 1892, d. 20 Sept. 1913.

Shirley Jean, b. 22 Jan. 1938, d. 27 Jan. 1938.

W. P., b. 26 Aug. 1853, d. 26 Nov. 1922.

William Harry (Jr.), b. 9 Mar. 1939. (sic.).

HOLTON

Robert D., b. 14 Dec. 1893, d. 8 Feb. 1935

HOOD

Charlie Marshall, b. 3 Sept. 1887, at Knoxville Tenn., d. 13 Sept. 1942.

Dalton Sheeby (Sr.), b. 30 Oct. 1897, d. 16 July 1937.

Jesse Bell, d. 25 Apr. 1912.

Wesley Bunt, b. 8 Feb. 1916, d. 4 Mar. 1933.

HOOKS

Anna J., b. 4 Sept. 1868, d. 10 July 1920. Wife of Dr. James H. Johnson.

Martha Jane, b. 15 July 1849, d. 25 Jan. 1928.

HORAM?

R. L., b. 13 Nov. 1897, d. 29 Aug. 1937. (Very dim marker).

HORN

George Tilman (Jr.), b. 28 Jan. 1911, d. 16 Apr. 1912.

Laura Rulledge (Mrs.), d. 14 Sept. 1931, age 58 yrs.

Nettie (Mrs.), b. 23 June 1865, d. 10 Mar. 1927.

HORNE

Cato Jackson, b. 13 Jan. 1890, d. 26 Jan. 1937.

Henry D., b. 12 Feb. 1885, d. 26 July 1925.

John E., b. 3 July 1891 or 1893, at Alabama, s. of John Horne, d. 9 Aug. 1942,
at Columbus Ga., buried 11 Aug. 1942.

Mary Ann, b. 1 Sept. 1856, d. 22 Aug. 1934.

HORNEY

Adellaide, b. 1852, d. 1925.

John Lewis, b. 1885, d. 1921.

HORNSBY

Infant, b. 5 Dec. 1941, dau. of Huey E. Hornsby and Readie Sasson, d. 5 Dec. 1941.

HORTON

Bessie, b. 22 May 1882, d. 3 Sept. 1942.

HOUGHTON

James Thomas, b. 11 Oct. 1899, d. 4 Feb. 1937.

HOUSTON

Charles T. Co. 1 Ala. Infantry, Spanish American War.

HOWARD

Annie Mae, b. 1 Oct. 1906, d. 12 Feb. 1926.

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Birdie, b. 5 Apr. 1871, d. 8 June 1940. Wife of R. Homer Willis.

Charles C., b. 5 Jan. 1849, d. 29 Oct. 1932.

Daisy Mae, b. 6 Dec. 1941, at Columbus Ga., dau. of Mrs. Alma Howard and – Howard,
d. 6 Dec. 1941.

Della (Mrs.), b. 28 Feb. 1884, d. 17 May 1938.

Effie, b. 5 Mar. 1882, d. 2 Sept. 1911. Wife of Dr. S. L. Baird.

Frances E., b. 28 Oct. 1856, d. 17 Oct. 1932.

John William, b. 18 Dec. 1861, d. 8 Dec. 1940.

Raymond, b. 13 Feb. 1904, d. 18 Nov. 1938.

Ruth (Mrs.), b. 1809, d. 1902.

Toombs, b. 1 July 1880, d. 10 Aug. 1926.

William, (Infant), b. 19 July 1926. (sic.).

James F., b. 10 May 1886, d. 10 Aug. 1925.

HOWELL

Columbus Floyd, b. 3 June 1882, at Floyd Co., Ga., s. of William W. Howell and Maggie
Edwards, d. 5 Sept. 1941.

Larue Ford, b. 6 Jan. 1904, d. 3 May 1936.

Margarett, b. -, d. age 8 Months.

HUBBARD

Calvin Jackson, b. 20 Dec. 1921, d. 29 Nov. 1924.

James C., b. 13 Jan. 1880, d. 1 Dec. 1929.

HUCKABY

Abbie, b. 20 Sept. 1857, d. 16 Dec. 1926.

William J., b. 1 Sept. 1850, d. 21 Jan. 1915.

William T., b. 11 Aug. 1892, d. 1 May 1913.

HUCKEY

Amy, b. 10 June 1854, at Meriweather Co., Ga., dau. of John Smith and Amy Lee
Waldrop, d. 19 Jan. 1941.

Sallie (Mrs.), b. 10 June 1854, d. 19 Jan. 1941.

HUDSON

Anna K. (Mrs.), b. 15 Apr. 1872, d. 14 Apr. 1917.

Dedie B. (Mrs.), b. 22 Nov. 1887, d. 4 Feb. 1931.

Frank, b. 1857, d. 1928.

Mary Clare, b. 1888, d. 1938. Wife of Milford Dale Gill, d. 1938.

Mary L., b. 15 Feb. 1846, d. 17 May 1914. Wife of J. A. Browning.

Sarah V. (Mrs.), b. 1842, d. 1929.

Willie (Mrs.), b. 1877, d. 1915. Wife of J. M. Fuller.

HUFF

James Bengamin, b. 25 Sept. 1859, at Cussetta, Ga., s. of James Huff and Justine Blanchard, d. 14 May 1940, at 215- 15 St. Cols. Ga.

James Marshall, b. 28 Oct. 1858, d. 19 May 1921.

Mattie (Mrs.), b. 4 Sept. 1868, d. 16 Oct. 1933.

HUGGINS

Amberly G., b. 25 Sept. 1880, d. 14 June 1939.

HUGHES

A. B., b. 1883, d. 1913.

Ada A., b. 14 Aug. 1875, d. 10 June 1941. Wife of John M. Etheridge.

Bertha Louise (Mrs.), b. 28 Mar. 1915, at Dothan Ala., dau. of Clem Hurst and Aggie Dean Beverly, d. 1 June 1940, at Buck (?) Hosp. Columbus Ga.

Charlotte N. (Mrs.), b. 6 Feb. 1857, d. 12 June 1934.

HUGULEY

Albert L., d. 11 June 1939. Georgia Pvt. 60, Inf. 5 Div.

HULETT

Lyza, b. 1873, d. 1929.

HUMBER

Emmie Mitchell, b. 25 Nov. 1895, d. 18 Oct. 1918.

William Thomas, b. 23 Oct. 1878, d. 3 Feb. 1879.

HUMES

Carrie, b. 1879, d. 1920. Wife of J. E. Humes.

HUNNICUTT

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James A., b. 21 Jan. 1870, d. 25 Nov. 1930.

HUNT

Allen Harrell, b. 1 Mar. 1900, d. 13 July 1934.

Ella, b. 1869, d. 1905. Wife of William B. Turner.

Joel H., b. 24 Aug. 1856, d. 21 Oct. 1916.

John H., b. 1880, d. 1939.

HUNTER

Curtis M., b. 7 Feb. 1903, d. 31 May 1937.

James Davis, b. 17 Feb. 188-, s. of S. S. Hunter, d. 8 Jan. 1943, buried 10 Jan. -, at 103
28th Street, Columbus, Ga. Born in Alabama, occupation, Textile worker.

James Robert, b. 15 Aug. 1869, d. 7 Feb. 1928.

Joseph P. (Rev.), b. 10 July 1859, d. 6 Apr. 1937. Wife was Nannie Neil Gullate.

William Baxter, b. 15 Apr. 1899, d. 22 Dec. 1929.

HURSCH

Infant, b. 20 Aug. 1942, s. of Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Hursch, d. 20 Aug. 1942.
(Checked 28 Aug. 1942 J. B. J.).

HURSTON

Nancy Patricia, b. 29 June 1941, at Columbus Ga., dau. of Fred E. Hurston and Nancy
Londermilde [?], d. 30 June 1941, at Columbus Ga.

HURTT

William M., b. 22 apr. 1876, d. 12 Feb. 1937.

HUTCHESON

Persha, b. 13 Mar. 1882, d. 27 Jan. 1932. Wife of G. W. Williams.

HUTCHINS

Irene, b. 9 June 1895, d. 3 Mar. 1920. Wife of Harry P. Hall.

Jennie (Mrs.), b. 5 July 1876, d. 7 Nov. 1927.

Joice, (Infant), (Hutchins Lot.)

Roberta, b. 14 Feb. 1882, at Phoenix City Ala, dau. of Joe Bennett and Minnie Strong,
d. 23 Feb. 1943, at Columbus, Ga. Buried 24 Feb. 1943.

T. C., b. 1863, d. 1922.

Thomas Mitchel, b. 26 Dec. 1942, at Georgia, s. of T. C. Hutchins and Hilma Wammock,
d. 26 Dec. 1942.

William Rollie, b. 28 July 1886, at Phenix City Ala., d. 5 Dec. 1942.

HYATT

Henry W., b. 30 July 1879, d. 18 May 1925.

INBANTINO

Mary Bell, b. 4 Nov. 1883, at Columbus, Ga., dau. of James Robinson and Fannie Thomas, d. 16 July 1941 at Nebsaske [sic].

INGLETT

John P., b. 11 Mar. 1882, d. 16 Feb. 1932.

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Albert E. (Jr.), b. 15 June 1926, d. 17 June 1926.

Alice (Mrs.), b. 7 Sept. 1900, d. 17 July 1935.

Alma Holeman, b. 8 Oct. 1932, d. 12 May 1933.

Joe, b. 19 Apr. 1868, d. 23 Oct. 1933.

John Benjamin, b. 31 Dec. 1859, d. 13 Mar. 1938.

John Thomas, b. 5 Apr. 1872, at Phenix City, Ala., s. of William Ingram, d. 18 Nov. 1941.

Louis William, b. 27 Mar. 1902, d. 11 Oct. 1935.

Patsy Ruth, b. 30 July 1936, d. 31 July 1936.

IRVIN

A. Frank, b. 8 May 1869, d. 23 Feb. 1925.

Frances Ettie, b. 22 Oct. 1872, d. 10 Oct. 1941. Wife of George A. Wood, d. 10 Oct. 1941.

George Tallafeno, b. 1887, d. 1929.

Mary (Mrs.), b. 17 May 1886, d. 22 July 1936.

IRVING

Vernon M., b. 11 Oct. 1886, d. 26 Sept. 1938.

IVEY

Jesse L. (Sr.), b. 17 Feb. 1872, at Stewart Co. Ga., s. of Benjamin Ivey and Mary Ellis, d. 16 Feb. 1943, buried 19 Feb. 1943, d. at Columbus, Ga.

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